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## Columbus Physician And Lay Leader Endorses Christian Education Week

By DR. S. B. PLATT  
COLUMBUS  
Former President State  
Brotherhood Convention

In glancing over the names of the leaders in our state and Southland it is startling to note that above 80 per cent of our business and professional men are graduates of denominational schools.

For a long time in the early history of our nation all institutions of higher learning were both inspired and supported by some religious group.

Even now when our state supported schools are coming to the front, much of the inspiration for their foundation and support can be directly traced to the influence of christian men and women.

With all the increase outlay of finances and equipment that the politically supported schools have, there is lacking that Christian atmosphere and emphasis upon the development of the spiritual side of life which contributes so much in the development of genuine character.

Indeed, we cannot help but wonder if much of the corruption and dishonesty that is so flagrant among our national leaders today, does not stem from the fact that we as a nation no longer feel the need of these spiritual safeguards and no longer seek Divine leadership.

As a man, I am truly grateful for the influence that Mississippi Baptists had in my development, and as a parent I am doubly  
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## Convention Issue Is Next Week

Next week's issue of the Baptist Record will carry a full account of the 94th annual session of the Southern Baptist Convention now meeting in Houston.

The following issue, Thursday, May 21, will be a special Christian Education edition.

Watch for both these issues.

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## Simultaneous Revival Perils

BY DR. C. E. WILBANKS  
Secretary of Evangelism

We are making progress in conducting simultaneous revivals. The plan is too well proven and too widely adapted and used to be denied as most effective. Baptists have used it for over a dozen years over widespread areas; cities, counties, districts, states, the whole Southern Baptist Convention territory, and in countries overseas—others have caught the cue from Baptists.

Even as it has been said, "Liquor has many defenders, but no defense," we might say simultaneous revivals have many critics, but no criticism.

1. These critics constitute the first-line perils of simultaneous revivals. When a critic sets himself, he is interesting to behold. He can  
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## Baptists Take "Disturbing News From Spain" To State Department

State Dept. Pledges Aid

Dr. George W. Sadler, secretary for Africa, Europe and the Near East for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, and Dr. J. M. Dawson, executive secretary for the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, have called on officials of the State Department in Washington, D. C., to talk about the problem of religious oppression in Spain.

The interviews were arranged after Dr. Sadler received a letter from Dr. J. D. Hughey, Jr., Southern Baptist missionary to Europe, who said "disturbing news comes from Spain." Three problems were discussed: (1) the closing of a Baptist church in Lerida, (2) the firing of a Baptist pastor and a member of his congregation in Madrid, and (3) the difficulty of purchasing property.

Richmond, Va. —(RNS)— The State Department is prepared to intervene if United States citizens or their property are subjected to oppression in Spain, Dr. George W. Sadler said here.

The mission board secretary also said that the Washington officials promised him that "in the matter of buying property, the State Department is quite ready to lend its influence to this proposition and will go to bat in our behalf."

The "disturbing news" of Dr. Hughey's letter gave specific ex-  
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## Cooperative Program Gifts In April Reach Record High

BY CHESTER L. QUARLES  
Executive Secretary

Mississippi Baptist Cooperative Program receipts for the month of April reached an all-time high record for any one month, totaling \$127,437.04, it has been revealed by figures released by J. E. Lane, treasurer.

This was an increase of 32 percent over April of 1952, according to Mrs. Daphne Pridgen, head bookkeeper.

Designated receipts for April were \$81,511.08, making grand total receipts for the month \$208,948.12.

Cooperative Program receipts the first six months of this Convention year, ending April 30 were \$583,725.86, compared to \$487,514.66 the same period a year ago or a gain of 20 per cent.

This achievement is for the glory of God and is one of the most important announcements ever made to Mississippi Baptists.

May we all take on renewed encouragement and hope and strive to make the last half of this Convention year, beginning now, the greatest period in Mississippi Baptist life.

This fine record of giving reflects many things, including the fine spirit of Cooperation existing now among Mississippi Baptists. Much of the increase was due to the fine response to a letter sent to each church that had not contributed to the Cooperative Program during the convention year. Moderators and board members also aided in contacting their churches.

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## High Flying

BY DR. DUKE K. MCCALL  
(Reprinted from the Nashville Banner of April 14, 1953; second in a series on Korean Preaching Mission).

Until the Air Force offered to take me to Korea, I had always flown in the pressurized cabin of a commercial plane and never needed to put on an oxygen mask. The military does not coddle its passengers so. Flying over the Rock Mountains at fifteen thousand feet, my finger nails and lips turned blue. My vision got fuzzy, and my mind went into low gear.

The Air Force general sitting across the table from me appeared to be grinning as he slipped in and out of focus. "Now," said he, "you will take some oxygen." (I had refused his earlier invitation, ascribing his need for an  
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## Rio Youth Conference To Draw Large USA Group

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BP) — Over 350 young people from Baptist churches in the United States are completing plans to attend the fourth Baptist Youth World Conference, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, July 15-22 this summer, according to Robert S. Denny, chairman of the youth committee for the Baptist World Alliance.

Total attendance is expected to reach 10,000 most of whom will be from Brazil.

The program will include Billy Graham, nationally known Baptist evangelist, Everitt Hill, Richmond, Va.; Howard Butt, Corpus Christi, Texas; Culbert Rutenber, Philadelphia, Pa.; Robert S. Denny, Nashville, Tenn.; C. Oscar Johnson, St. Louis, Mo.; Byron Ragsdale, Humboldt, Tenn.; Duke K. McCall, Louisville, Ky.; W. H. Jernagin, Washington, D. C.; Arnold T. Ohn, Washington, D. C.; Carlos Gruber, Plainview, Texas; and Roger Fredrikson, Ottawa, Kan.

Speakers from other countries include Dr. Joel Sorenson of Stockholm, Sweden; Dr. Hans Arndt, Hamburg, Germany; Dr. Edgar Hallock, and Dr. Walter Kaschel, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

## McComb Check Completes Record Month



Several workers in Baptist Building looked on with approval and rejoicing last Friday morning as Mrs. Daphne Pridgen, head bookkeeper, exhibits the April Cooperative Program check of the First Church of McComb which was the last to be counted and brought the April Cooperative Program receipts to a record total of \$127,437.04. The check was for \$1802.67. Dr. W. R. Hunter is the pastor. Many other checks from many other churches made the record possible. Those looking on are left to right: Rev. Joe Abrams, Director of Promotion; Dr. A. L. Goodrich, Editor of The Baptist Record, and J. E. Lane, Treasurer.

## Twin Rural Life Leadership Meetings Set For State June 2-3 and June 4-5

Twin Rural Life Leadership Conferences will be held June 2-3 and 4-5, it has been announced by Rev. Martin J. Gilbert, secretary of Rural Church Work Department.

More than 100 pastors, laymen and other workers have made reservations for one of the conferences, and the list is growing constantly.

Three outstanding out-of-state leaders as well as a number of leading state personalities are to be on the program at the two meetings, the first scheduled for campus of Woman's College, Hattiesburg, and the other for Blue Mountain College.

An attractive two-day program has been arranged for each meeting, dealing with rural church life in particular.

The out-of-state leaders will be: Dr. S. F. Dowis, secretary Coop-

erative Missions, Home Mission Board, Atlanta; William M. Landess, TVA's Division of Agricultural Relations, Knoxville, Tenn., and Rev. John W. Wells, Field Secretary, Cooperative Missions, Atlanta.

State personalities to appear will include: Rev. Joe Abrams, Jackson; Dr. John E. Barnes, Hattiesburg; Rev. J. R. Davis, New Albany; Rev. Lee Gallman, Jackson; Rev. H. D. Jordan, Collins; Rev. Lincoln Newman, Lucedale; Rev. C. E. Patch, Baldwin; Rev. R. B. Patterson, Iuka; Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Jackson; W. R. Roberts, Jackson; W. A. Taylor, Louisville; and Dr. C. E. Wilbanks, Jackson.

Any others desiring to make reservations for one of the conferences is asked to contact the Rev. Mr. Gilbert, Box 530, Jackson.

# GIVE TO THE MOTHER'S DAY HOSPITAL OFFERING MAY 10



## Mrs. Anna Parks Passes; Mrs. D. A. McCall's Mother

Mrs. Anna I. Parks, 85, resident of Clinton, died at 5:30 p. m. Monday at the Smith convalescent home in Clinton after an extended illness.

Mrs. Parks, a resident of Clinton for the last 10 years, formerly lived in Jackson, Philadelphia and Winona. She was born and reared in Montgomery county. She was the widow of the late J. T. Parks of Winona and is the mother of Mrs. D. A. McCall.

Other survivors include: one son, R. K. Parks of Wetumpka, Ala.; three brothers, Tip Oliver of Ed, A. N. Davis, of Wetumpka, Ala.; three brothers, Ip. Oliver of Tipso, Rubie Oliver of Duck Hill, C. K. Oliver of Winona; two sisters, Mrs. Pearl Cooper of Wynne, Ark., Mrs. Dover Stoker of Duck Hill; six grandsons and three great granddaughters.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Thursday at the Oliver funeral home in Winona with the Rev. S. W. Valentine, pastor of the Southside Baptist Church, and the Rev. D. A. (Scotchie) McCall of Chicago officiating.

The body will be at the Baldwin funeral home until 2 p. m. Tuesday and will then be moved to Winona. Interment will be in Kil-michael cemetery.

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**Officers for the Baptist Student Union of Blue Mountain College** for the session 1953-54 have been elected. Mary Ann Colvert, Little Rock, Ark., is president. Other officers are: Vice-presidents, Margie Nell Smith, Laurel; Sarah Rice, Black Mountain, N. C.; Mary Jo Ray, Ackerman; Frances Patterson, Johnston, S. C.; secretary, Fay Purvis, Bruce; treasurer, Merle Moody, Laurel; Publicity director, Patty Hollis, Chalybeate; Y. W. A. president, Lorette Dotson, South Rhodesia, Africa; Sunday School superintendent, Mary Ann Wacker, Louisville, Ky.; B. T. U. director, Fay Morrow, Norfolk, Va.; Life Service president, Ida Faye Todd, Brooksville; Music director, Eugenia Graham, Drew; Pianist, Sue Hassell, Baldwin; art director, Patricia Geer, Philadelphia; Librarian, Patsy Batholomew, Blytheville, Ark.; Student Government Representative, Lila Ann Wallace, Charleston; Methodist representative, Jeanine Osten, Portageville, Mo.; Freshman Representative, Patty Huddleston, Greenville; Faculty Adviser, Dick Guyton, Blue Mountain; Pastor Adviser, Rev. Robert Woody, Blue Mountain, and Student Secretary, Miss Jane Ray Bean.

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## Baptists Take

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amples of the three problems which the two Baptist leaders took before the Spanish section of the State Department. They are:  
1. The Baptist church in Lerida, Spain, was closed on April 9 by order of the Governor on the pretext that services had never been authorized. For more than two years, services had been held in an apartment rented for the purpose. Permission was requested in April, 1950; and, though there was no written reply, the pastor was given to understand by the secretary of the Governor that services could be held.

When it became necessary a few months ago to leave the rented apartment, a member of the church offered the basement of his house as a chapel; and this was converted into a chapel with the help of money from the Southern Baptist Mission in Spain.

Services were begun there in February after the Governor had been notified of what was going to be done. "Now a government seal has been placed over the doors so that nobody can enter the chapel and Protestant services have been positively forbidden in Lerida," Dr. Hughey reported.

2. He stated further that the pastor of the Second Baptist Church, Madrid, and a member of the congregation have been fined 500 pesetas (about \$12.50) each for "publicly making proselytes" to their religion. "They have not been told what the specific charges against them are and they have had absolutely no chance to defend themselves," Mr. Hughes said.

"The basis of the fine is thought to be something that occurred on Oct. 12," he continued. "A member of the Second Baptist Church, when he went out of his house to go to Sunday School, was asked by his children if their playmates (four or five little girls) could go with them; and, of course, he said yes.

"When Sunday school was half over, two or three young women came in and created quite a disturbance by demanding that the children from the Catholic school, who had been 'led away' to the Protestant Sunday School, be turned over to them. Nothing more was heard from the incident until the man was fined the latter part of March.

On April 4, the pastor was notified of his fine. He has written to the Chief of Police that he could not have been guilty of complicity in the incident of October 12 because he was away from the city at the time."

3. The third problem of which Mr. Hughey wrote was the failure of Baptists to get permission to buy property in Barcelona.

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**Big Level Church will have a homecoming and a dedication service for both the church and past-torium on Sunday, May 10.** All former members and friends are cordially invited to attend these services. Lunch will be served on the church grounds. Rev. L. L. Dennis is the pastor.

## Miss. College Commencement Speakers



HON. GEORGE J. THORNTON

Speakers for the one hundred and twenty seventh annual commencement exercises at Mississippi College will be the Honorable George J. Thornton of Kosciusko and the Rev. Russell M. McIntire of the Clinton Baptist Church, according to an announcement made by President D. M. Nelson.

The baccalaureate services are scheduled for Sunday, May 30, in Nelson auditorium, with Mr. McIntire, who has just completed his first year at the Clinton church, bringing the address.

The commencement address, given before 241 candidates for the bachelor's and master's degrees,



REV. RUSSELL M. MCINTIRE

will be made by Mr. Thornton, a prominent attorney and president of the college board of trustees, at the traditional outdoor exercises held in Robinson Stadium on June 1.

Of the total number expecting to receive degrees, 219 are candidates for the bachelor's degree, 66 of whom will complete their work in summer study this year, and 22 will receive the master's degree.

The department of education will graduate the largest single group of students, with 41 having majors in that field. Bible is the major for 31 of the group.

## High Flying

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oxygen mask to old age.) I was all thumbs. He had to help me fit the mask over my nose.

Our high flying with MATS (no relation to a magic carpet except by imagination) was not only literal, it was even figurative. When Chief of Air Force Chaplains Major General Charles I. Carpenter invited me to go to Korea for an Easter preaching mission, I expected bucket seats and K rations. I packed like a man who was going to camp in the wilderness. My wife even threw in some food to keep me from starving.

As a matter of record I have eaten more steaks in the first week of this trip than I knew existed. The plane's bucket seats turned out to be foam rubber with bunks for eight of the twenty aboard. I have reverted to childhood and take afternoon naps (which, alas, means I have to let somebody else sleep in the bunk at night.)

The K rations have become chicken, steak, ham, and roast beef in the ice box. We do not eat off of trays in our laps like common airline passengers; we are served courses at a table.

I have only one complaint. If I had brought my electric razor, I could not use it — the current is off in the lounge of the plane.

What is this high flying MATS? It is Military Air Transport Service which regularly flies over 115,000 miles of air routes, the biggest airline in the world. Lt. General Joseph Smith MATS Commander, says that last year, every hour, MATS delivered seven medical patients, ten tons of cargo, and fifty-eight military passengers. Planes crossed the Atlantic or still need God.

Artic every hour and fifteen minutes while the Pacific was crisscrossed 11,326 times.

MATS maintains air bases all over the world. Its weather planes help the weather men predict tomorrow's temperatures in Pusan, Kwajalein, and Nashville. MATS helicopters have retrieved 112 United Nations soldiers from behind Communist lines in Korea. By MATS the wounded are rushed to base hospitals. A line officer of the Korean War said, "They have saved thousands of lives by getting the wounded out quickly."

MATS is another of our country's unsung achievements which ought to make all of us proud. As a nation we can do anything we really want to do — almost that is, as the following experience illustrates:

From Travis Air Force Base in California we took off in our C-54 for Honolulu at exactly 10:10 p. m. The C-54 which followed us at 10:20 did all right for 400 miles. Then one motor failed. Then the second motor on the same side failed.

We listened over our plane's radio as the pilot planned to ditch in the ocean. We heard the crackle of conversation from another plane and rescue crafts. Then the report came — all aboard saved.

My confidence in American ingenuity was not broken, only dented. As the steward came by, I said, "Would you mind showing me how to put on that Mae West life jacket again? I did not pay much attention the first time you demonstrated it."

I had already revised the urgency of my request for God's protection for the trip. We Americans are powerful people, but we still need God.

## Simultaneous

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spend limitless time splitting hairs, though they be imaginary and few, or as profuse and large as those gathered from a turtle's back. While whetting his scalpel on stones of bias, prejudice, and "don't know", and splitting hairs that aren't there, he could be dropping "block-buster" blows on the citadels of Satan. But dropping block-busters requires preparation, trained crews, ground crews and air crews, with coordination and power.

2. The critic can make distinctions where there really does not exist a difference.

But space stops us from reviewing the corner of the critic. We solicit the cooperation of the critics. God says "Blessed is the man who — sitteth not in the seat of the scornful." (Ps. 1:1).

3. The great perils of simultaneous revivals are those to be met head-on in the house of friends. Truly devastating are the wounds received in the house of friends. Some of these perils are listed — space forbidding comment:

1. The date set too near at hand.

2. Delay in electing Steering Committee.

3. In appreciation of value of preparation.

4. Failure to follow proven plans of preparation.

5. Limited knowledge of The Southern Baptist Program of Evangelism. (The book may be secured from the Baptist Book Store).

6. Failure to receive written reports in Steering Committee meetings.

7. Dependence upon human power instead of the Holy Spirit.

8. Prayerlessness.

9. Too few days in actual revival meetings.

10. Laxity in Fellowship meetings.

11. Failure to get in every report following revivals.

12. Staggered and successive instead of simultaneous revivals. Other perils could be stated. Suppose the readers "think on these things," and add some known perils.

—BR—

Baptist Bible Institute, Lakeland, Florida, announces the establishment of a new department of Visual Arts, to be headed by the Rev. O. S. Williams of North Carolina. Mr. Williams is an outstanding and widely-known authority in handcraft and visual demonstrations.

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## Mother's Day: "Every Day"

May 10 is designated as Mother's Day.

If mother still lives she will appreciate the "fuss" we make over her and will 'complain' of our extravagance and say "you didn't have to do that," etc. etc. . . but she loves it just the same.

Did you know the word "mother," in itself, is used 244 times in the Bible. That makes it a pretty important subject. Wonder if we just don't take mother "for granted" too much. I speak of the average child, young and old. Mother becomes such a 'fixture' in our daily routine for the first 18 years or so, and then when we get away from her "apron strings" we sorta use the annual "Mother's Day" for an excuse to make up to her the things we take for granted all through the year. 'Tain't right. **MOTHER'S DAY SHOULD BE EVERY DAY.**

We owe more to mother than just our love and attention. We owe her our very life. We, who are and were blessed with Christian mothers, owe more than physical life to her; most of us learned our first lessons "about Jesus" at her knee.

We may depart from those early teachings but the honest child never forgets them even though the conscience may "bother" at times when we aren't doing what mother would have us do.

We venture a practical suggestion for honoring mother this year. If your Christian mother has been called Home "to be with the Lord," why not take the money you would have spent on her for Mother's Day and add that amount to your contribution for the Baptist Hospital. You will honor your mother, you will honor her Lord, and you will honor the Great Physician who still heals bodies through the agency dedicated to that purpose . . . The Baptist Hospital.

Somewhat we feel that "ma" would rejoice in her Heavenly home if her boy or girl would honor her in such a way. We know you will feel better for having given such a gift for Mother.

## Messengers Should Report To The Church Upon Returning

Thousands of messengers will attend the Southern Baptist Convention at Houston this week. A few hundred of those will report to the churches upon their return concerning the doings of the Convention.

We recall a year or two ago that we were bragging about the good report that one of the messengers

from our church had made. The person to whom we were talking immediately began to lament about the fact that his own pastor said very little about the Convention.

We believe that pastors and other messengers who attend our Convention should report back to the churches. Certainly the pastors should do it, for in most cases their expenses are paid. Thus the churches get something back for the money they have put out. Of course, it helps the pastor, but it would help the church more if the pastor would report.

It is true that the Baptist Record tries to carry a full report of the Convention, but an on-the-spot report from the pastor makes the Baptist Record report much more interesting, and he could fill in many places where the Baptist Record could not give an extended account because of lack of space.

It will increase the interest of the members as well as prove the interest of the messengers, if a report is made. It will help all around.

—BR—

## Thinker Criticizes Eisenhower's Prayer

Joseph Lewis, President of the Free Thinkers of America, has released a statement in which he says that President Eisenhower's prayer was "Wholly uncalled for." He also thinks it is a reflection on the citizens "who do not believe in the efficacy of prayer."

Mr. Lewis' statement goes on to say that if the President or any other person "wants to pray, he should do it before assuming his

public duties, either at his home or in his church."

According to Mr. Lewis, "praying in public is a vulgar display and an exclusively personal matter. Prayer is something that cannot be done by proxy. Public prayer is, if nothing else, an undignified performance. If President Eisenhower expects any result from praying he will be sadly disappointed."

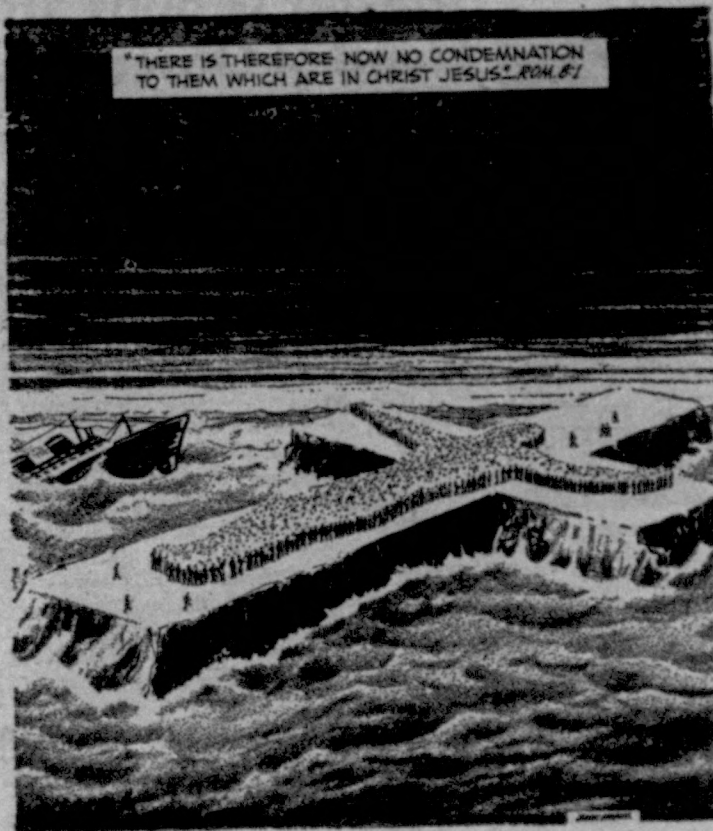
Far be it from us to waste much space on such an uncalled-for and useless statement. But a few words may be in order. To us, Mr. Lewis' statement is the vulgar part and not the prayer of President Eisenhower.

We question Mr. Lewis' statement that the prayer was an undignified and useless performance. To us it was the most dignified part of his inauguration and the most dignified thing that we have heard at any inauguration that has come to our attention.

As to being a useless performance, thousands and millions can rise up and testify to the power of prayer.

If prayer is useless Jesus wasted much time; so did the Apostles, George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, and countless others, both in high and low positions.

Our Lord not only practiced prayer, but commanded it. I had rather follow Jesus than Mr. Lewis, whose organization claims a membership of about 30,000.



## OUR READERS WRITE THINK IT OVER

I sat recently with a group of men executing a plan to eliminate a liquor sales outlet. One of the men in the group was a very heavy smoker. As I sat there trying to endure the smoke, I thought to myself—well, here is a man enslaved to nicotine trying to stop someone from buying alcohol.

But, someone will say, alcohol is more destructive. Yes, alcohol makes people do crazy things after they partake of it, and nicotine makes people do crazy things if they can't partake of it. Alcohol causes about 75 per cent of the cancer of our country. It is catalogued as a poison, but so is nicotine. Alcohol goes into the blood stream and affects the nervous reaction of the brain. Nicotine stays in the blood stream and affects the entire body.

But, one will say, alcohol impoverishes too many homes. And I agree with every word of it. A lady told me recently that she thought her husband would surely quit his smoking while he was out of work, but he came in more than once to get the last 20 cents they had in the house to buy cigarettes. I have carried food to homes which were poverty stricken and have been asked if I brought any cigarettes.

But, another says, alcohol is habit-forming. So it is. It takes several weeks of pretty heavy drinking to form the alcohol habit. But one can become a heavy smoker within a few days. Alcoholics have gone to hospitals and have been broken of the habit within a week. But men of that same type have found it very difficult to break with the tobacco habit within a matter of months.

Yes, but, another says, alcohol is offensive and injurious to one's body. And I agree again. It causes damage to the liver, and in some cases, death as a result of that damage. It causes heart trouble. It weakens the brain and nervous system. It tears down body tissue. But what of tobacco? The tobacco advertisements themselves tell us that the smoke irritates the membranes of the nose and throat. It shortens the breath, it stains the teeth. It makes one nervous. It stings the taste buds of the mouth. It is offensive to our associates. Our friends of the medical associations tell us that tobacco is one of the chief causes of lung disorders. It causes about 75 per cent of the cancer of the mouth and throat. It contains poisons which will kill the human body if taken in larger quantities.

I feel sure we ought to drive alcohol from our fine country. But I am also wondering when we will get our people to awaken to the cunning work of the other enemy in our midst. We must not let up in our drive against alcohol, but we must, under God, start some kind of movement to curb the use of tobacco. We pity the poor coolie in China who must have his opium pipe, but seem not to realize that the poor slave to nicotine in America is in the same category. May God give us wisdom to face the issue.

H. H. BRIDGES,  
Hattiesburg.

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## Clarke College Commencement Speakers



REV. M. D. MORTON



HON. OWEN COOPER

Rev. M. D. Morton (left, above) Pastor of the First Church of Crystal Springs, and Honorable Owen Cooper, Vice President of the Mississippi Chemical Corporation of Yazoo City, will be the Commencement speakers at Clarke College, Newton, on May 24 and 28, respectively.

## Clarke College Exercises Set

The closing exercises of Clarke Memorial College, Newton, will be as follows: Sunday, May 24 at 11 a. m., Baccalaureate Sermon, at the Newton Baptist Church, the message will be brought by Rev. M. D. Morton, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Crystal Springs; final exams, Thursday and Friday, May 28-29; and the Baccalaureate Address brought by the Honorable Owen Cooper of Yazoo City at 6 p. m. Thursday, May 28 at the lake-side Amphitheater.

Below is the list of 1952-53 graduates.

Wade Allen, Morton; Frances Arledge, Bay Springs; Charles Barnes, Stonewall; J. R. Boutwell, Laurel; Nell Brackett, Mobile; Jack A. Butler, Alligator; Stanley Catt, Monticello; Robert Caylor, Cleveland; Katherine Davis, Kosciusko; H. C. Dykes, Gainsville, Ga.; Mrs. H. C. Dykes, Baton Rouge, La.; Otis L. Doherty, Pascagoula; Durrell L. Edwards, Wesson; Dorothy Emmons, Bogalusa, La.; Nell Eubanks, Rena Lara; Betty J. Flowers, Meridian; Loretta Frey, Stonewall; Bobbye Fulton, Moss Point; H. Grady Goodman, Glen Allen; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gay, Hattiesburg; Marlene Gordon, Morton; Johnnie Mae Griffin, State Line; Olivia Harthcock, Eden; Valerie Henderson, Jackson; Ane Hood, Doddsville; Lester E. Janes, Moscow; Irma Jean Jones, Meridian; Dawn Kitchens, Philadelphia; Joe Ann Lancaster, Benton; Grank Lowe, Summerland; Sidney Majure, Hickory; W. T. McDowell, Ackerman.

Ollie Mitchell, Bogalusa, La.; Marcus Moore, Newton; Sarah Moore, Plantersville, Ala.; Marcus Mounce, Ingoman; Rebecca Myers, Jackson; Lexie Ruth Nelson; Anne Hood, Doddsville; Les Carl; Howard Paker, Dunder; Ernest R. Pinson, Newton; Hazel Pounders, Hernando; Lillian Puryear, Mt. Pleasant; Marie Rushing, Tylertown; John E. Sanderson, Poplarville; Ralph H. Scott, Jackin, Ala.; Foye Slate, Jay, Fla.; Ethel E. Sumrall, Lake; Mary Ella Smith, Poplarville; ta.

## Columbus Physician

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grateful for the contribution they are making to my children.

The week of May 31-June 5 has been set aside as Christian Education Week and affords us all an opportunity to give practical expression to this deep appreciation that we feel. Let us all get behind this effort and give it our wholehearted support.

May God open our eyes to see that the need for spiritual safeguards afforded by our denominational schools is as great or greater today than ever before, and so get behind them 100 per cent.

This week has been approved by our state convention and deserves the wholehearted support of every Mississippi Baptist Church.

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## Says Protestant Pastor In Spain Fined

MADRID —(RNS)— Religious services at the Spanish Mission here were interrupted three times recently by police, a Protestant spokesman reported.

He said that fines totaling 1,500 pesetas (\$37) were levied against Pastor Francisco Fernandez Garcia on the ground that the Ministry of Interior had not authorized the worship services.

The Protestant source declared that on each occasion the service had been a private one. Therefore, he said, the police action contravened Article Six of the 1945 Spanish constitution.

Article Six says "no one shall be molested for his religious beliefs or in the private exercise of his religion."

The Spanish Christian Mission is understood to be a Baptist affiliate, supported largely by Canadians.

Nannie Lou Sumrall, Morton; Laura Sue Thompson, Morton; Thomas Thurman, Silver Creek; Mildred Tolar, Columbia; Bettye Williams, Hernando; Ruby Mae Williams, Magee; Elizabeth Winstead, Union; Mary Yancy, Sarepta.

## Detroit Groups Stemming Flood of Obscene Literature

By Religious News Service  
Detroit (RNS)— A "consumer's boycott" coupled with a continuing police crackdown, is stemming the flood of obscene books, magazines and movies in the Detroit area.

Inspector Herbert Case, head of the police censor bureau, convened a meeting to commend Catholic, Protestant and civic groups for their part in the campaign. He told the assembly of key lay and clerical leaders:

"Without the consumer's boycott, the program of buyers' resistance you people have organized and carried out, we could not have made the gains realized during the past months.

"True, there have been several legal advances, including the establishment of a national precedent two weeks ago here when two federal grand juries returned in-

dictments against six firms accused of publishing or distributing obscenity.

"But a law officer can only do so much. It often remains for the public to wage its own war where morality is concerned, and where the mental health of children is being undermined by lewd comic books and lascivious movies.

"You have been hitting the purveyors of this filth where it hurts—right in the bank account."

The Rev. Henry Villerot, assistant pastor of Blessed Sacrament Cathedral and a member of the Catholic Archdiocesan library and literature committee, said that 113 Detroit parishes are now staging monthly visitations to neighborhood theatres, drug stores and sweetshops to ask merchant co-operation in the campaign.

## Georgetown Church Conducts Revival

Georgetown Church experienced a real revival during the series of services April 19 through 26. Rev. A. B. Pierce of Kosciusko did the preaching with John Compere of Jackson and Mississippi College as song leader.

There were eight professions of faith and one who came by letter. Many rededicated their lives for more consecrated Christian living.

Each month since November the Sunday School has broken all previous records in attendance. The closing Sunday of the revival was set as Record Attendance Day. The attendance of 178 was beyond the goal of 150 set for the day.

Rev. R. W. Porter is the pastor.

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## Baptists Erect Church Structure In Day

Memphis, Tenn.—(RNS)—Toiling and joking together in the neighborly atmosphere of an old-fashioned barn-raising bee, members of a Memphis church erected in one day a structure worth more than \$10,000.

McLean Baptist church's "future" intermediate building was just a concrete foundation slab when the 75 volunteers assembled at 6 a. m. By 4:30 p. m. there stood on the site a sturdy frame rectangle containing a 100-seat assembly hall and a dozen small classrooms.

As in the frontiering days, women were on hand with fried chicken and pies.

The event drew hundreds of visitors. One spectator watched the bustling scene a while, then touched the sleeve of a roughly-clad fellow who was poring over a huge roll of specifications.

"Say," he yelled over the din, "when do the speeches start?" Dr. Herbert C. Gabhart, pastor, turned with a smile. With a sweeping gesture he took in the thump of planks, the burr of electric saws, the pound of hammers, the urgent shouts of men.

"There are the speeches," the pastor said.

## CLOVERDALE PLANS SPECIAL DAY MAY 10

May 10 is a special day at Cloverdale Baptist Church. It is the first anniversary of the present building and will also be the day that the church occupies its new two-story annex.

The program, which includes dinner on the church ground, will begin a two-week revival in which Rev. Bill Roby, pastor of the Farmhaven church, will be the visiting evangelist. Pastor Henry E. White, Jr., will direct the music and Mrs. Dot Sanford will play the piano.

—BR—

## Survey Shows Faithfulness

PLANT CITY, Fla.—(BP)— Out of twenty-one people who joined the First Baptist Church here in a one week revival conducted ten years ago, sixteen are still active members and five have joined other churches. L. Don Miley, pastor, said that a check on the meeting revealed unusually high faithfulness.

In March, 1943, the pastor conducted his first revival at this church. He was disappointed because so few came, but a survey this year revealed that it was a very profitable meeting.

Of the sixteen who still are active in his church, he found that one is a football coach, another is a dentist, four are public school teachers and four are Sunday School teachers. One is a Training Union Director. Three are members of the senior choir. One has directed the youth choir, served as church organist, and is now organist for a neighboring church. One is a volunteer for special service. Another is a deacon, assistant treasurer and chairman of the ushers. One young man has been ordained to the ministry and will graduate from the Southern Baptist Seminary in June, and another young person was married at the close of service Easter Sunday morning.

## Training School Graduate



MISS ASHLEY WHITE

Graduating from Woman's Missionary Union Training School, Louisville, Kentucky, on April 30, was Miss Ashley White, until recently of Cleveland, Miss. Absent was Miss Lula Mae Leake, of Woodville, Mississippi. They were two of sixty-one graduates in this the last class to be awarded degrees from the Training School.

Beginning with the fall semester the new name will be Carver School of Missions and Social Work. The school will continue to function as an institution of Woman's Missionary Union, but the faculty and curriculum will be greatly enlarged. Dr. Emily K. Lansdell is president of the school.

—BR—

As I lay outside the operating room ready for the ordeal, watching all the masked, gloved, and aproned figures like so many ghosts floating about me, I asked the Lord for a whisper. The big clock in the hall caught my eye; its hands pointed out the answer—7:7. Why, Matthew recorded that—Matthew 7:7—and I drifted into insensibility hearing, "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you."—Southern Baptist missionary.

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LUCILLE CRAWFORD

Miss Lucille Crawford, of Delta State, and Bill Webb, of Union, Miss., a student at Baylor, have volunteered for VBS and Youth-led Revival work, respectively, for the summer. Please pray for them and that they'll be given opportunities to witness in these ways.



BILL WEBB

## MISCELLANEA

We're planning to rent Miss. State's bus for the trip to Glorieta. Fare will be about \$35 per to the first 27 to send them in. Already 56 registrations are in for R'crest.

May 9 is Youth Night at Southern Baptist Convention. Please pray for it.

Total for SSM now stands at \$1,472.23.

## Florence, S. C., Church Pastor Has Anniversary

(Editor's Note: His many Mississippi friends will read with interest concerning a Mississippian now on lend-lease to South Carolina. He was formerly pastor at Highland Church, Meridian and is the son of the late J. E. Byrd, who served for 33 years as State Sunday School Secretary.)

On Sunday, April 19, the First Church of Florence, South Carolina, and Rev. Edward L. Byrd celebrated three years of work together as pastor and people. In these three years additions have been added to the church every Sunday that the pastor has been in his pulpit with the exception of one single Sunday. There have been 475 persons baptized into the church membership, and 435 other additions, making a total of 910.

About one year after the present pastorate, the congregation occupied a magnificent new sanctuary building that had been begun under the pastorate of Dr. Harold W. Seever. This entire building is air-conditioned, and cost \$600,000.00. The total church facilities are valued at \$1,000,000.00.

The Sunday School is averaging above 1300 with a record attendance of 1712 on April 5. The Training Union averages between 45 and 500 with a record attendance of 622.

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Dr. Robert Spiro of Mississippi College addressed Delta State's annual B. S. U. banquet held April 30 in the First Baptist Church of Cleveland. Eighty-one were present for the occasion. "April Showers" was the theme of the banquet, which was reported as the best ever held. James Breland is the Student secretary.

## EAST MOSS POINT NOTES ANNIVERSARY

The East Moss Point Church has just observed the fifth anniversary of the pastorate of Rev. Zeno Wells.

According to their church bulletin a survey of the past five years reveals:

Total offering to all causes, \$108,346.71; total given to all mission causes, 12,849.90; offering for March 1948, 483.43; offering for March 1953, 2,360.90; Budget for 1947-48, 6,300.00; budget for 1953, 23,000.00; educational unit to take care of 400 and auditorium to take care of 500 constructed at the cost of 73,500.00. The contract price of above, 116,000.00; equipment for new building, 5,000.00; additional property, 5,000.00; increase of property value from 20,000.00 to 121,000.00.

Increase in Sunday School Enrollment, 100 per cent; increase in Training Union Enrollment, 75 per cent; departmentized Sunday School and Training Union, increase in number of officers, leaders, and teachers, 25 per cent; Brotherhood organized; full time minister of music and education added to church staff; additions to the church by letter, 88; additions by baptism, 102.

George Bailey is minister of education and music.

## To Our Readers

As the circulation of the Baptist Record grows, so does the amount of news matter and other articles of various kinds. The Baptist Record is glad to have the news about the work. Every effort is made to keep Mississippi Baptists informed about what Baptists are doing at home and abroad.

It is also true that the Baptist Record wants to use articles of inspiration but often must leave some such articles out because there is no space.

It is earnestly hoped that every reader of the Baptist Record will read all of this article for it is hoped to give some advice on how to make your problems and the Baptist Record's problems easier. Please observe the following suggestions:

1. Report only items that have news value. The fact that a church had a study course, preaching on Sunday morning, or that it had prayer meeting on Wednesday night is not of general news interest. Don't laugh, for we quite often get such items. The unusual makes news. Not many newspapers would carry an item that a dog bit a man, for that happens quite often. But it would probably be on page one if a man bit a dog. That's the unusual. If something unusual or extra important happens send it. But do not send in ordinary, every day happenings that occur over and over again.

2. Don't fail to be brief. Don't get sore if we help you to be brief. Each week the Baptist Record has much more material than it can possibly publish. That's why we condense most articles. It's either condense and let everybody have a hearing, or publish your article with many adjectives and other superfluous words and leave the other fellow completely out. If you were in his place, you wouldn't want to be left out. So we try to leave nobody out.

It is not necessary to characterize a particular revival as the greatest ever held. We usually get two or three articles a week describing revivals as the greatest. All of them can't be the greatest. Therefore we leave out that opinion, and let the people who were present judge for themselves.

3. It is not necessary to publish a picture for every item. One church submits a picture every time they plan to have a study course. We hope every church in the state doesn't do likewise. Nor is it necessary to publish a picture of every pastor who leads in a revival. If there is some reason for using the picture, o. k.; if not, let's use the space for something else.

4. In sending pictures, see that they are good ones. The cut is never quite as good as the photograph and a poor picture does not make a good cut. It will also save a week's time if in sending the photograph the sender will state to whom the making of the cut is to be charged. The Baptist Record has no engraving plant and therefore must send cuts out to the engraver to have a cut made. Every week the Baptist Record writes three or four letters to people who send in a photograph with no in-

## MUSIC DEPARTMENT

W. C. MORGAN, Secretary

Below is a continued list of the ratings of the ensembles and hymn players for the District Music Festivals which are now in progress:

### Ensembles: Gloria

(Continued)

Nell Lupo, Magnolia First; Superior; Ann Lewis, Union-Pike, Excellent; Myrtle Jane Simmons-Silver Creek-Miss. Excellent; Joyce Little, Mt. Olive-Miss., Excellent; Yvonne Smiley, Centerville-Miss., Excellent; Faye Carol Anders, Liberty-Miss., Excellent; Bobby Lyne Williams, Centerville-Miss., Excellent; Katie Grace Crawford, Nazarene-Miss., Superior; Faye Lorena White, Robinson-Miss., Good; Janice Kent Wall-Mt. Vernon-Miss., Good; Laron Reeves, Mt. Pleasant Lincoln, Excellent; Rosemary Simmons, Progress-Miss., Excellent; Nancy Kirkfield-Friendship, Miss., Excellent; Judy McGehee, Gillsburg-Miss., Superior; Cora Ann Ferrell, Silver Creek-Pike, Superior; Little Pearl White, Mt. Vernon Miss., Excellent; Joyce Richmond, First McComb, Superior; Mary Ida Bahan, East McComb, Good; Linda Marsalis, Liberty-Miss., Excellent; Reginald Reeves, Montgomery-Lincoln, Excellent; Yvonne Hood, First Gulfport, Superior; Jane McLeod, Lucedale, Excellent.

Hymn Players: Jane McLeod, Lucedale, Excellent; Yvonne Hood, First Gulfport, Superior; Lynda McAlpin, Magee, Excellent; Katherine Davis, Raleigh, Excellent.

structions. The letters ask that the party tell to whom the cut is to be charged. It takes up several days and usually delays use of the picture at least one week.

5. Be certain to sign your name to every article. It is not necessary to use the name but the Baptist Record must know the source of every article appearing therein. Unsigned articles just don't get published. In most cases unsigned letters are simply thrown away. An unsigned check is no good and the same thing applies to an unsigned article. The sooner an article is sent, the better care it gets. Usually on Tuesday morning, which is press day, several articles come in urging that they be used in that issue. It is usually about something that the writer has known about for a month or two but has just waited until the last minute to send in. It is impossible to give it good care. It just gets the once over and sometime not even that.

The Baptist Record assures all that it wants to use all the material it can. If everybody will cooperate it will help both sides, the senders and the receivers.

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lent; Naomi Buckley, Mt. Zion, Simpson, Excellent; Anne Booth, Whitesand, Jeff Davis, Superior, Jo Quick, Leaf River, Excellent; Faye Rogers, Ora, Excellent; Joanne Miller, Raleigh, Good; Celia Ann Barnes, Mt. Zion, Excellent; Ellen Gill, Magee, Excellent; Hilda Grace Craft, Fellowship, Superior; Bobby Louis Burrow, Whitesand, Good; Patsy M. Rogers, Harrisville, Good; Jeanette Hawkins, Lorenza, Good; Chuck Stanley, Broodmoor, Excellent; Cornelia Sills, Griffith, Superior; Jackie Criscoe, Van Winkle, Excellent; Carolyn Bryant, Pearson, Excellent; Carole Noland, Oakdale, Excellent; Jenny Hudson, Crestwood, Excellent; Sandra Turner, Northside, Excellent; Linda Merle Walters, Morton, Good; Billie Ann Bates, Leesburg, Excellent; Tommy Bourn, Midway, Excellent; Martha Ross, Pelahatchie, Excellent; Becky Dawson, Beulah, Good; Linda West, Steens Creek, Superior; Dena Sue Rushing, Springfield, Good; Dorothy Brock, Salem, Excellent; Barbara Lee Stevens, First Jackson, Excellent; Linda Upshaw, First Jackson, Superior; Carolyn Boydston, Star, Good; Mary Ann Manning, Springfield, Good; Sue Huff, Antioch, Excellent; Ada Jean Pickering, D'Lo, Good; Patricia Ane Gallman, Calvary, Good; Mattie Helen Keeton, Morton, Superior; (To Be Continued)

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### LET'S ALL GO TO OUR DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

If You Are From One of These Associations	Your District Convention Will Be Held At	On This Date
Simpson-Rankin	Puckett	June 15
Smith-Scott	Collins	June 16
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Jones-Perry-Greene		
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Lamar-Johnson-Gulf Coast		
Pearl River-Lebanon	Biloxi, First	June 18
Pike-Lincoln		
Mississippi	Brookhaven, First	June 19
Franklin		

### DR. CLAY I. HUDSON

Dr. Clay I. Hudson, formerly an Adult worker with the Training Union Department, is in critical condition and recently underwent a serious operation at Baptist Hospital in Nashville. We will be remembering him in our prayers and many will want to send him a note at his home address, 1300 Norvel Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee.

### MASS MEETING IN OKTIBBEHA

The Oktibbeha Associational Training Union Mass Meeting was recently held with the Self Creek Church as host. Of the fifteen churches in the association there are thirteen with Training Unions. Six pastors were present and 313 was the total number of representatives from the churches.

The Associational Training Union in Oktibbeha Association has two goals: (1) Every Training Union member a Bible Reader; (2) Every church with a Training Union. Rev. John McBride, pastor of Self Creek, is the Associational Director.

Self Creek won the attendance banner from the Longview Church group. The next Mass Meeting will be held June 7 with the Friendship Church at 2:30 p. m.

### GRENADA BEYOND GOAL

Dr. John Landrum, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Grenada, reports a record breaking Training Union attendance of 263. This number exceeds the original goal. Mr. F. M. Breazeale is the Training Union Director.

### LAWRENCE COUNTY CONFERENCE MEETING

Monticello Church was host to the Officers and Leaders Council Meeting of Lawrence County on April 17. Mr. Wilmer Letchworth of Wavilla, the Associational Director, presided at the meeting.

The meeting featured conferences for each department. Those participating on the program were W. T. Broadus, Herman Nelson, Mrs. Robert Jones, E. V. Catt and James Oliver Allen. There were 54 present for the conferences. A representative of the state Training Union Department was present to lead a conference and speak to the group.

## Rev. Joe Mongle Accepts Peach Creek And McIvor



REV. JOE B. MONGLE

Rev. Joe B. Mongle, former pastor of The Oakland Church, Oakland, Tenn., and the Oak Grove Baptist Church of Hernando, Miss., recently accepted the pastorate of Peach Creek and McIvor Churches in Panola county.

He assumed his duties at Peach Creek by conducting the simultaneous revival of March 22-29. There were 5 professions of faith, 11 by letter and 2 rededications. Rev. Mongle will move on this field in June.

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## Women And Stewardship

BY MRS. KEITH DUNN

Women have been greatly blessed by God, and down through the ages there have been women who have responded to his goodness with faithful stewardship.

Such a woman lived in the day of Elisha, the prophet. She was a steward of hospitality. II Kings 4:10. She built him a little room on the side of her house and set in place the bed, and table, stool, and candlestick. Every time he came by he knew he was welcome and he stopped to eat.

This woman took pleasure in arranging a room for a servant of God. You may not be able to provide a room, but women have a very important place in stewardship.

Mother, make a good beginning in your stewardship. Consecrate the little new life that has been given into your keeping. You are responsible for its physical well-being, education, development of personality and social and religious guidance.

God has not withheld any good thing from us. He spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all. Romans 8:32. He calls us to faithful stewardship, to the full consecration of self and possessions to Him.

The woman at the well who talked with Jesus recognized Him as the Christ and immediately went forth as His witness. You and I are women who have found Christ and have his message. Are we sharing it with others?

Mary's gift to the Master has filled the world with its fragrance, for wherever the gospel has gone the story has been told. This costly offering was prompted by love. Loving and giving go together.

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### MEN ORGANIZED FOR VISITATION DURING REVIVALS

Labor unions, lodges, civic organizations, ball clubs, and armies all establish the fact that there is efficiency, economy and power in organizations of men. Why not mobilize and organize men for the Master? Paul's statement in I Cor. 3:9, "For we are laborers together with God," used as an effective slogan by the W. M. U., was originally intended for the Brotherhood for Paul began that chapter with the word Brethren. Men can and ought to work together in the Lord's work as effectively as in anything else. What situation could afford a better opportunity than a revival meeting in the local church.

While much valuable work can, and should be done in preparation for a revival such as taking a census; visiting prospects in advance; holding cottage prayer meetings, and organizing for activity during the revival, nothing can be substituted for the activity itself. We must go after our prospects. How can we do this?

### I. Meet Together and Eat Together.

1. Light meal will suffice for men until after church.
2. Will bring more workers together.
3. Will save valuable time as many men come from work.
4. Will lend encouragement, and provide good fellowship.

### II Pray Together and Plan Together.

## Osyka Church Reports Good Revival Meet

The Osyka Church, Pike county, engaged in the recent Simultaneous Evangelistic Crusade.

The preacher was Rev. Glenn Hix, pastor of the Mt. Pleasant Church and student of the New Orleans Seminary. The singing was led by the pastor, Rev. Joe Melford.

There were six added upon profession of faith, and six by transfer of letter.

offerings and sacrificial living and giving. Your use of your talents and money is in direct ratio to your response to God's goodness and the world's need.

If you have a gift for teaching you can serve Christ. We must make it our business to see that children and young people are taught the right way of life and understand and practice stewardship.

Christ gave His life that all the world might be saved through him. He is counting on you, will you fail Him?

### 1. Brief, but earnest prayer for guidance offered.

2. Pastor, brotherhood officers, Sunday School class teachers and officers spearheading effort to reach prospects. Definite assignments of prospects, conveniently located, should be made at this time.

3. Cards to leave in home or with prospects, should be in hand.

4. Church covenants for unaffiliated Baptists, and good literature for the lost should be provided.

### III Walk, Work and Win Together.

1. Men go out two by two to definite prospects.

2. One man pray while other talks.

3. Make notes on back of your prospect card.

4. Be on look out for favorable follow up clues pass them on.

5. Suggest who should make next trip.

6. Offer to bring those who have no way.

7. Sit by prospect in church. Pray for him. Speak to him when invitation is given — offer to go down.

8. Be willing to be late if you can bring your prospect.

9. Do your best and depend on the Holy Spirit.

10. Keep contact with new members, and help enlist them in all departments of church. Especially urge them to join in winning others.

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## Organ Dedication Recital Set for Hattiesburg Church

Virgil Fox of New York City will present the dedication recital on the Dora Mars Ross memorial organ at First Church, Hattiesburg, on May 12th at 8 p. m. The large Kilgen Pipe Organ was installed in the new church building, which was occupied for the first time on March 29 of this year.

It was especially designed for the church, with sufficient power for the 1400 capacity sanctuary of the new building.

The organ was given to the Church in memory of Mrs. Dora Mars Ross, who was active in the church life for many years. Her sons and daughters, who are all residents of Hattiesburg, participated in the gift.

The pastor, Rev. Clyde C. Bryan, extends a cordial invitation to music lovers in the Hattiesburg area to attend the dedication concert.

## BYRAM BREAKS GROUND FOR \$30,000 Annex

Ground was broken in April and the work is now well underway for the two-story brick educational building of the Byram Church of Jackson. The annex will consist of six assembly rooms, space for twenty-five Sunday school rooms, pastor's study, church office, library, kitchen, large fellowship hall, baptistry, two modern dressing rooms, and three nurseries.

The annex will be the second unit of a three unit plan, the first of which was constructed in 1947. The structure will be completed by October.

There have been 68 additions, 43 by baptism, during the past seven months. Also a new baby grand piano has been purchased. Attendance in Sunday School and Training Union are the highest in the history of the church, according to Rev. Henry J. Bennett who has been pastor for the past nine years.

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## DEPARTMENTIZING HELPS

Rev. W. S. Allen, the pastor at Pass Christian, has this good word to say as to the value of going from a class to a department school:

"We changed our Sunday school to the department organization April 1, and the next Sunday showed a considerable increase in attendance. So it works. I had some difficulty getting some of the folks to see that it would make any difference if we changed, but the increased attendance has already proven its value."

Thanks, Brother Allen, for that good testimony.

And there are many other schools that need to take that same step. It will certainly increase the efficiency of the work as well as helping to reach more people for Bible study.

A leaflet on this is available and will be gladly sent on request.

## Conventions And Conferences

March 10-11-12 we had our three Sunday school conventions at Tupelo, Meridian and Gulfport.

We reached 1100 people in these from many churches and associations. The echoes from these conventions have been many and good. They were both informational and inspirational. Many workers got new ideas of how to improve the work. And many of them will make a real effort to put these into practice in their own work back home.

From March 23 to April 17 we had our twenty district conferences that covered every section of the state.

In these we reached 1238 people from 322 churches and every association but two. The people were most high in their praise of the practical worth of these conferences. Emphasis was given to both the Sunday school and Vacation Bible school work.

## MORE STANDARDS

These units have recently become Standard:

Schools: New Prospect, Rev. B. F. Hallford, pastor, Alvin W. Smith, supt.; Brookhaven, First, Rev. Brooks Wester, pastor, Willis Smith, supt.; Providence, Rev. W. A. Greene, pastor, C. E. Graves, supt.

Adult Classes: Fidelis, Vicksburg First, Mrs. I. C. Knox; Rachel, Midway, Meridian, Mrs. H. R. Pittman; Philathea, Second Ave., Laurel, Rhoda Todd; TEL, East McComb, Mrs. C. C. Bardwell; Ruth, West Point, First, Beth Anderson; Reapers, McComb, First, Mrs. J. H. Wilson.

Young People's Department: McComb, First, Mrs. J. T. Lyons, supt., and these Standard classes and teachers — 17 Year Ladies, Mrs. B. B. Stamps; Ruth, Miss Eula Walker; Men, 18-24, W. W. Ritchie.

Intermediate: Joyful Servants, Parkway, Jackson, H. H. Palmer; Asataw, Mrs. W. R. Eving, and Sunshine Scatterers, Opa! Germany, both of Jackson First; 14-

Year Boys, Loyd F. Stevens, Jr.; Victors, Mrs. Dan Grubbs, and Golden Circle, Mrs. A. L. Taylor, all of Mendenhall.

Our very sincere thanks to all these leaders for this good work.

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## G. E. Wells Begins Glade Pastorate



REV. G. E. WELLS

Rev. G. E. Wells has accepted the pastorate of Glade Church, Laurel, and has already moved on the field. He succeeds Rev. Fred Williams who resigned in order to accept the Second Church, Biloxi.

Mr. Wells, a graduate of Mississippi College and the New Orleans Seminary, came to the Glade Church from a three and one-half years pastorate at Natchitoches, near Hammond, Louisiana. He served pastorates in Amite county before going to the Louisiana church.

The church pastorage was redecorated and two rooms and a carport were added before Pastor and Mrs. Wells arrived. Also the new family was made welcome by a "pounding" from the members.

One daughter, Janie Lou will join the family as soon as she is out of school at Hammond. A second daughter will receive her degree from the New Orleans Seminary this year and will assume the place as Young People's Leader for the W. M. U. Department in Missouri.

—BR—

## West Corinth Church Has Good Revival

Rev. Thurman Booth of Iuka was the evangelist and Rev. C. L. Boland of Silver Creek was the singer for the revival beginning April 19 at West Corinth Church.

There were 21 for baptism and eight by letter during the meeting which opened with a service of dedication for the church sanctuary.

Large crowds attended and there were also 13 for rededication. Rev. Earl Warford is the pastor.

—BR—

... Some part of the Bible has been published in 1,059 languages and dialects, as of December 31, 1952, according to the American Bible Society. Ten new languages were added last year. The whole Bible has now been published in 197 languages.

## Thirty-Five Years With Relief And Annuity Board

BY WALLACE BASSETT

Relief and Annuity Board was brought into being on Thursday morning, May 16, just 35 years ago, at a meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Hot Springs, Arkansas. Because I am the only person named on the Board at that time who has been a member since its organization, I have been asked to give a brief history of the movement.

The first meeting of the new board was held on a hot day in the Baraca room of the old First Baptist Church. At this meeting, Dr. William Lunsford, then pastor of a church in Nashville, Tennessee, was elected executive secretary.

Little did those present at this first meeting dream of the future growth and expansion of the services this new Board would render through the years. Indeed it had a small beginning! We started in a rented office with one desk; Dr. Lunsford had one secretary, his daughter, Julia.

The Sunday School Board gave the new Board \$100,000, and at the end of the first year the assets of the Board stood at \$106,428.53. At the end of 1952, the assets stood at \$26,478,390.96. During the first year we paid out no annuities, and relief benefits of only \$1,397,000. During the year ending December 1952, relief benefits amounted to \$298,558.14, and annuity benefits were \$1,337,430.79. There has been a total paid out during the lifetime of the Board in benefits of \$17,217,958.20. During the first year of the Board's life, it earned on investments \$2,685.00. During 1952 its investments earned \$923,894.06. During its lifetime to January 1, it has earned on investments \$9,220,074.86.

How do we account for this phenomenal growth? Of course, God gave the increase, and to start with, the board has been blessed in secretarial leadership from the beginning.

We were fortunate in having Dr. Lunsford as our first secretary. With Dr. Lunsford, this work, being his own brain-child, became the consuming passion of his life.

H. G. Wells said that greatness must be reckoned by what one leaves in the world to go on. Dr. Lunsford was a Virginia gentleman of the old school—Chesterfieldian in manners, immaculately groomed, and a fascinating personality. To me, then a young man, he was more than a friend—he was a father. It was a sad day for me when God took him home.

I wondered if we could find another to succeed him, but he showed his foresight and greatness by having brought Dr. Thomas J. Watts from South Carolina to be his associate and understudy some months before his passing.

Dr. Watts built well on the solid foundations laid by Dr. Lunsford. He, too, had clear vision of the future in bringing to the Board Dr. Walter R. Alexander from the First Baptist Church of Florence, South Carolina, who still leads in a glorious way. Again, we have been unusually fortunate in securing the service from the Foreign Mis-

sion Board of Dr. Robert S. Jones, who knows more Baptist preachers than any other man in the Southern Baptist Convention. He, too, is an indefatigable worker, and a wise counsellor, wholly dedicated to the work of the Lord.

Again the Board has always had connected with it the best business brains obtainable anywhere. Thirty years ago a young man by the name of Orville Groner came to the Board as a bookkeeper. Through the years he has grown to be, and is now recognized as, one of the most intelligent and astute investment men to be found anywhere.

Dallas is fortunate in many ways, and one of these is that nearly all the big business men of Dallas are religious men and are willing to give of their time and business sagacity to the work of the kingdom. Being a Baptist city, we have our share of these men. From the beginning, the Relief and Annuity Board has had connected with the local Board such men.

At the beginning Mr. W. B. Lee, now in glory, gave without financial remuneration as much time to this Board as he gave to his extensive business interests. Other business men, too numerous to mention by name, have guided this Board in a business way. At present, we number on our lists some of the best business minds in this city.

Again we have been blessed by having the devotion and service of some of our greatest denominational statesmen. Dr. Samuel Palmer Brooks was our first president. Dr. George W. Truett was chairman of the Executive Committee for 25 years, and was succeeded by Dr. Marshall Craig. Dr. Lee R. Scarborough was for some time president of the Board. What board can number such men on its roster? Indeed we have been well-born and well-nurtured throughout our childhood years.

What may we say of the future? While we are thankful for our past, and can say we have always kept faith and performed the work for which we were originally intended, the goal has not been reached in any sense of the word. We can think of the past as only the prologue.

The Board has won its way to an excellent start, but it is only the beginning. Southern Baptists must be made to see that this work is stupendously important. Every pastor in the Southern Baptist Convention should hold membership for himself and his wife in this Board. Recently, we were fortunate in bringing Dr. Alton Reed to our ranks to push this phase of our work. He is fully equipped and dedicated to his task, and we bespeak for him an ever expanding and worthwhile service. Let us give this, our youngest child, a worthy place at the denominational table.

—BR—

... Congressman Brooks Hays, Arkansas, Baptist layman, has presented to the 83rd Congress a Chapel resolution which, if approved, will provide a prayer room where members of Congress may retreat for prayer and meditation.

## Accepts East Louisville



REV. HOLLIS V. BRYANT

Rev. Hollis V. Bryant has accepted the pastorate of East Louisville Church.

Mr. Bryant is a student at Mississippi College and will graduate on June 1. He plans to move into the East Louisville pastorage immediately after graduation.

Mr. Bryant is a native of Calhoun county and has held Mississippi pastorates in Calhoun and Chickasaw counties.

—BR—

We don't have the miracle power of the Master, but we can have the spirit of love and sympathy; and unless we do, in vain will be our ministry in this small sphere of our work.—Sammie (Mrs. L. L. Johnson, missionary to Brazil).

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## Sparks &amp; Splinters

Mississippi College, Clinton, has again been named as a testing center for college and pre-college men who wish to apply for the Selective Service Qualification Test at a special administration to be held on Thursday, May 21, 1953. The special administration is for the benefit of students prevented by illness or other emergency from attending one of the regular administrations on December 4, 1952 and April 23, 1953. May 21 is the last date upon which the College Qualification Test will be held during the present academic year. Dr. Guy C. Mitchell, Professor of Education at Mississippi College, has been named Local Examiner. The three hour examination will be given again at a single morning session on the date indicated. Arrangements for taking the test may be made by the applicant's obtaining from any draft board an application card, which is to be made out and mailed to the Educational Testing Service.

Among recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: Rev. J. D. Lundy, Richton; Rev. and Mrs. E. J. Blackford Huntsville, Mo.; Rev. C. M. Day, Durant, Miss.; Harry Smallwood, Laurel; H. V. Bryant, Louisville; Jullus Thompson, Clinton; Chester Molpus, Belzoni, Miss.; Evelyn Irwin, Jackson; Mrs. James R. Beasley, Miss Jean Whitten, Clinton; Mrs. Guy Futral, and Guy, Jr., Edwards; Mrs. C. R. Forsythe, Yazoo City; Nat Mayhall, Ludlow; Rev. Carl Duck, Morton.

Dr. C. L. Nicely has resigned the pastorate at Wadsworth, Ohio, and moved to Elizabethtown, Kentucky. Asking that the address of his Baptist Record be changed, he states that he is working on a translation of the Greek New Testament, which will contain notes not found in any other work. He also plans to get out a volume on the Book of Revelations. Dr. Nicely, who has an outstanding record as an evangelist, is available for supply work, interim pastorates and revivals.

Rev. T. E. Williams of Bondville, Kentucky was the evangelist for the revival at Highland Church, Meridian, April 19-26. There were 46 additions, 35 professions. Four young people surrendered for full-time Christian service, and scores of people made rededications of their lives to Christ. The singing was under the direction of Hugh Warren, Jr., a member of Highland Church. Dr. Levon Moore is the pastor.

Dr. E. L. Douglas, assistant professor of Bible at Mississippi College will lead in a Church-wide "What Baptists Believe Clinique" at Parkway Baptist Church, May 11-14.

Rev. and Mrs. Lonnie A. Doyle, Jr., Southern Baptist missionaries to Brazil who are home on furlough, announce the birth of Margaret Frances on March 27. Mr. Doyle's address is Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex., where he will be until the first of May. Mrs. Doyle is staying in Anson, Tex., a may be addressed at Box 762. Mr. Doyle is a native of Clinton, Miss.

Rev. and Mrs. James A. Foster, Southern Baptist missionaries to the Philippine Islands who are in the states on furlough, have moved to Jackson from Louisville, Ky., where they were studying at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Their address is 437 Stillwood Drive. Mr. Foster is a native of Jackson, and Mrs. Foster, the former Zelma Van Osdol, was born in Montrose, Miss.

Charles Jennings has been elected editor of the Mountain Breeze, student literary publication of Blue Mountain College for the 1953-54 session, and Mary Jacob Franklin, Kentucky, has been chosen business manager. Other members of the staff are: Betty Jo Wicker, New Albany, associate editor; Mary Johnston, Eupora, and Betty Fowler, Ardmore, Pa., poetry editors; Sylvia Knight, Jackson and Betty Gordon, Columbia prose editors; Margaret Strain, exchange editor; and Joyce Adams, Baldwin, and Nancy Browning, Louisville, manuscripts.

Damon Wall has been elected to succeed Charles Brannon as president of the Baptist Student Union at Mississippi State College.

MACON, Ga. — (BP) — George Boyce Connell, 48, has been elected president of Mercer University to succeed Dr. Spright Dowell, who will retire August 31 after serving for twenty-five years. Mr. Connell has been vice president of Mercer since 1946. He was graduated from the Georgia Baptist Institution in 1924 and five years later received his M. A. degree from the college.

IN SENDING SOME NEW names to be added to the Every Family list of the church at Schlater, Mrs. James Henderson, clerk, states that the recent revival resulted in 52 additions, 32 by baptism.

Rev. and Mrs. Gerald Riddell, missionaries to Colombia, have sailed for their field of service after a year's furlough, and may be addressed at Apartado Aereo 47-42, Bogota, Colombia. Mrs. Riddell, the former Virgie Marion Therrell, is a native of Meridian, Miss.; and she and Mr. Riddell make their permanent American home in Sandersville, Miss.

Calvary Church of Waynesboro observed Intermediate Day on Sunday, April 26 with twenty-four Intermediates taking part. They presented a program of Bible Heroes at the morning worship hour. Mrs. Virgil Ratcliff is Intermediate Superintendent.

There were eight decisions in the revival at Port Gibson. Rev. L. Gordon Sansing of Jackson was the evangelist, and Ralph Young of Pascagoula was the singer. Seven people were baptized in the new baptistry Sunday night. Rev. A. A. Ward is the pastor, and Herman May is the minister of music.

Miss Mary Mills, a native Knoxville, has been elected Executive secretary - treasurer of the Tennessee W. M. U., succeeding Miss Mary Northington who retired after thirty years of service.

The staggering need of Christian message throughout the world is evidenced by the fact that there are approximately a million more Mohammedans, Buddhists, and Confucianists in the world than Christians.

The Radio Commission and the Home Mission Board at the request of Superintendent C. E. Matthews, of the Department of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board, and the Southwide Evangelistic Conference have prepared for radio broadcasts a series of evangelistic sermons by Dr. J. B. Lawrence. These discs may be ordered one at a time or all five (two sermons to the disc) at once for use in evangelistic crusades. They are free.

Thomas E. McCullough of New Mexico has been elected editor of Young People's Sunday School lesson materials for the Baptist Sunday School Board. He succeeds Raymond M. Rigdon who has transferred to the Department of Training Union Curriculum. He comes to Nashville from the Southern Baptist Seminary where he was a Fellow in Biblical Theology.

MADRID — (RNS) — Juan Luis Rodrigo, pastor of a Baptist chapel here, and a woman member of his congregation were fined 500 pesetas (about \$12) each in police court here on a charge of "public proselyting." A Spanish Baptist spokesman said that several other Protestants recently have been fined on similar charges.

Twenty volunteered for foreign missions on the last Missionary Day at Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C., on March 18. These, with members of the Mission Volunteer Band, make a total of thirty volunteers out of 217 enrolled in the Seminary this semester.

Big Creek Church in Wayne county ordained two as deacons on April 26. They were Marshal Hutto and Cecil Mills. Rev. James Gilbert, pastor of the First Church, Clara, led in the ordination and was assisted by Rev. Billy Hollingsworth, Big Creek pastor.

Everett L. Deane, treasurer of the Foreign Mission Board, reports that the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for 1952 totals \$3,280,372.79, an increase of \$612,321.49 over 1951. Largest offering came from Texas and totaled \$1,249,769.98. North Carolina was second with \$263,241.44; and Virginia was third with \$201,732.73. Books are closed on May 1 each year.

The Home Economics Club of Blue Mountain College has elected officers for the session 1953-54. Carolyn Hull, Memphis, Tenn., is president. Other officers were: vice president, Jean Davis, Baldwin; secretary, Betty Jean Coker, Blue Springs; treasurer, Juanita Bowen, Randolph; reporter, Margaret Dilworth, Rienzi; and program chairman, Sarah Shirley, Tupelo.

Harry T. Copeland, Barlow Kentucky, has been elected state Training Union secretary of Missouri, effective May 18. At present he is an associate in the Sunday School Department of the Illinois Baptist Convention.

A pastor, now retired, who has been doing much supply work in the past few months writes: "Baptists can fall out over more little things and make more fuss about them than one who has lived the busy life of a pastor can imagine. But yet it is possible to get them together and see them make progress. Also you have a very deep feeling that they are still 'chosen people of God' with a destiny for good."

## WEBBER TO CONDUCT REVIVAL

Tuesday, May 12, at 8 p. m., Calvary Church, Jackson, will have Thomas H. Webber, Jr., as guest organist for the fourth anniversary organ recital. Mr. Webber is choir-master and organist of Idlewild Presbyterian Church, Memphis. Before coming to Memphis, he held positions in Youngstown, Ohio and New Castle, Penn. Mr. Webber was architect and consultant for the large 4 Manual organ at Calvary Church and gave the first recital after it was installed. His extensive study was done with some of the most prominent teachers in America.

Jackson music-lovers have enjoyed Mr. Webber's former appearances here and are eagerly looking forward to hearing him again. A wonderful treat is in store for everyone in the following program: "Fantasie and Fugue in A Minor," Bach; "Three Choral Preludes," Bach; Rondo for Flute Shop, Rinck; "Fantasie on the Chorale, 'Ein Feste Burg'" Reger; "Cantabile," J. S. Bach.

The Sword of The Lord has announced that Dr. E. J. Daniels, Southern evangelist of Orlando, Florida, has won first prize in its \$1,000 Evangelistic Sermon Contest. The winning sermon was entitled: "Gambling With Destiny." Dr. Daniels was a successful Southern Baptist pastor before entering the evangelistic field. Now his ministry is nation-wide. He is the author of a number of books and pamphlets, has a radio chain broadcast. The first prize was \$250. Second, third, and fourth prizes of \$100 each went to Dr. Robert G. Lee, pastor Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, three-times president of the Southern Baptist Convention; Dr. Jack Shuler, evangelist; Dr. Arthur Petrie of Simpson Bible Institute, Seattle.

Evidences of poverty are truly pitiful here. For example, the other day we put out our garbage and a few minutes later there were several little boys and girls sorting out the contents of the can, eating what scraps of food they could find.—Hoke Smith, Jr., missionary to Colombia, in language school in Costa Rica.

THE GREAT QUEST (\$2.00) by Adolph Haentzschel has recently been released by the Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, Missouri. According to the author THE GREAT QUEST refers to man's efforts, through the ages, to determine what may be the meaning and destiny of human life, if any there be. The first chapter poses the problem. Then three chapters pass in review outstanding answers that have been offered in the fields of religion, philosophy, and science. The question arises whether, among so many conflicting opinions, it is possible to arrive at certainty and truth. This makes it necessary to examine the nature and scope of the various sources of knowledge that are available to man—the senses, reason, intuition, and authority. Order from the Baptist Baptist Book Store.



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### Camp Garaywa Summer Missionaries



Shown above is Mary Nell Berry (left) and Stanley Stamps, Camp Garaywa summer missionaries. Mary Nell is a veteran staffer, hails from Columbus, a sophomore at Mississippi College, Y. W. A. president for next year and will work this summer out of Shawnee, Okla., among the Indians. Stanley is also a veteran staffer, from Prentiss, is a Junior at Mississippi College and is editor of Arrowhead for next year. He will work this summer in Texas among the Mexicans. This project is a new venture and their expenses are paid from the Camp Garaywa Mission offering. They were approved and appointed through the Home Mission Board.

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### A WEEK TO PLAN FOR

May 10-16, 1953 is GIRLS' AUXILIARY FOCUS WEEK. This is the time to take a look at this missionary organization for girls, to note what it's done for your girls to make even greater plans for its growth in the future. Every day of this week affords opportunities for activities with missionary meaning. . . . a mission class, a special community missions project, a renewed effort to enlist more girls, an eventful part in one of the church services, a banquet for mothers and daughters, a unique program for a shut-in. . . . YOU make the plans to fit the needs and desires of YOUR girls; and, remember to FOCUS ON GIRLS' AUXILIARY!

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### CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES

#### Called and Accepted:

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W. S. McCullen, Pleasant Hill, near DeRidder, La. from Ringgold.

E. O. Brachman, First, Evangeline, La. from Vivian, La.

James E. Zackary, Thomasville, Ala. from Mt. Pisgah Church, Herman, La.

William Burkett, Enoree, S. C., from First, Walton, Ky.

R. Archie Ellis, First, Columbia, S. C., from First, Salisbury, N. C.

W. E. Caudill, Immanuel, Colonial Heights, Va. from S. Point, O.

Chester Hart, First, Centre, Ala. from First, Goodwater, Ala.

C. E. Taylor, Welden Heights, Florence, Ala. from 9th Ave., Birmingham, Ala.

Lee Poston, Thebes, Mo. from Blufordville, Mo.

Horine M. Neff, Ray, New Mex.

J. T. Elliss, Bethany, Kansas City, Mo., from First, Fordyce, Ark.

Lucian Conway, Mars Hill, Summit, Miss., from Hillsdale, Amite, La.

Conrad R. Willard, Calvary, Kansas City, Mo., from Southern Seminary.

Arthur H. Hottel, First, Star City, Ark. from First, Commerce, Okla.

Ben Kyzer, Sherwood Church, Little Rock, Ark.

E. S. Ridgeway, El Paso Church, White County, Ark. from Oak Grove and Pleasant Hill, Caroline Assoc., Ark.

James T. Manley, First, Chatham, Ga., from Southwestern Seminary.

N. D. Blackman, Cedar Grove, Townsend, Va.

Paul Elledge, Broadway, Kansas City, Mo. from Beulah Church, Cheneyville, La.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE May 3, 1953

Jackson:		
Calvary	1601	414
Main Church	1519	372
Mission	82	42
Southside	363	154
Westview	251	196
Broadmoor	209	86
First	1498	513
Main	1403	463
Ridgecrest Chapel	95	50
Highland	176	92
Northside	566	133
Daniel Memorial	641	279
Parkway	1048	505
Paul Truitt (Rankin)	266	183
Byram (Hinds)	162	110
Enterprise	108	53
West Laurel	267	99
Mission	39	23
Picayune, First	518	191
Laurel, Second	292	103
Petal-Harvey	210	115
Laurel, Joe Wheeler	40	23
Itta Bena, First	213	97
Morton (Scott)	335	152
East Corinth	87	55
Louisville, First	442	179
Zion (Pontotoc)	220	87
Meridian, Poplar Springs	375	113
Meridian, 15th Ave.	564	207
Sand Hill (Jones)	48	47
Newton	437	155
Meridian, Highland	394	122
Center Ridge (Yazoo)	181	131
Houston, First	294	115
Kosciusko, First	836	284
Clarksdale	747	105
Pearlhaven	163	90
Pelahatchie	160	72
Friendship (Jackson)	125	115
Biloxi, First	562	163
Logtown	57	22
Concord (Choctaw)	96	96
Brookhaven, First	756	343
Main	669	255
Halbert Heights	38	50
Southway	49	38
Longview (Oktibbeha)	63	50
Holly Bluff	144	97
Pleasant Ridge (Chickasaw)	63	63
Darling	98	44
Hattiesburg, Temple	424	203
Bethel (Amite)	43	50
Wayside (Yalobusha)	35	
Gulfport, First	954	362
McComb, Locust	69	55
Fair River (Lincoln)	113	58
Friendship (Lincoln)	83	57
McComb, Friendship	141	100
Harmony (Jones)	139	64
Greenwood, Calvary	470	245
Philadelphia, First	362	90
Meridian, Southside	382	140
Glenfield (Union)	89	73
Houlka (Chickasaw)	113	30
Columbus, Southside	238	119
Main Church	214	

### THE BIBLICAL ILLUSTRATOR

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## RELIGIOUS LIBERTY IN SPAIN IS COMPLEX PROBLEM, FINDS SADLER

Dr. George W. Sadler, secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board who is now on a visit to several mission fields under his supervision, writes encouragingly of the spirit characterizing the Baptists of Spain who have been carrying on without missionary leadership.

Dr. Sadler's principal purpose in Spain was to arrange for the purchase of property by the Foreign Mission Board for church construction. Purchase of property for Protestant worship is allowed legally but, Protestants have said, practically is impossible.

Two Spanish university graduates had been refused Army commissions because they were Protestants, Dr. Sadler said. British Baptists have been refused residence permits and an American was granted a permit only after intervention by the U. S. Embassy, he added.

"Despite constant pressure from the hierarchy, genuine progress has been made," writes Dr. Sadler. "The percentage of growth since 1933 has been 74. Most of this has taken place since 1945. The current annual percentage of increase is 15. At the present time there are 2,000 Baptists in Spain and new centers are developing in important cities like Seville and Malaga."

"The American Embassy representative," said Dr. Sadler, "expressed the opinion that, as now constituted, Spain could not grant religious liberty. He had in mind, I am sure, the fact that the Catho-

lic Church was one of the forces that put Franco into power and has helped to stabilize his regime. If religious freedom were to be granted, according to this American official's opinion, the State would disintegrate. Thus, he questions the wisdom of bringing outside pressure to bear upon the Spanish religious situation."

Dr. Sadler said this attitude is opposed by another American with whom he talked. "This second individual believes we should spare no reasonable means in this matter of securing religious liberty for evangelicals as well as for all others."

Dr. Sadler continued: "The opinion a distinguished Spanish Christian expressed is to me of great importance. He is so able that he was invited to teach both at Columbia University and at West Point. He said, 'You, meaning you Americans, are our hope, and our eyes are directed toward you. If you fail us, all is lost.' This same man told me that he had hundreds of requests for books about evangelism from doctors, lawyers, and even priests."

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The Believer's Security by Rev. J. H. Pickford, professor of English Bible in Northwest Bible Institute, Port Coquitlam, B. C., is a book of 56 pages which sells for 50 cents from the author. It is an excellent presentation of the subject "Can a Person Be Sure of Heaven?" Orders should be sent to the author.

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Grenada, First	673
Grenada, Emmanuel	241
Hernando, First	170
Calhoun City, First	340
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## GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH

New Church,  
New EF Plan

The recently organized Friendship Church in Natchez believes that a good start means a good ending. Although the church is still under construction and funds are needed in many ways, the pastor, Rev. P. N. Harlan, has led the church to start off with the EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Baptist Record.

Record readers in Adams county are now listed as follows: IM-MANUEL 172; NATCHEZ, FIRST 546; NATCHEZ, WEST SIDE 190; CRANFIELD 29; WASHINGTON 55; SPRING FIELD CHAPEL 23; Cloverdale 19; FELLOWSHIP 23; and FRIENDSHIP 22.

## New Bethel Sends List

New Bethel Church in Neshoba county was organized last January but they are starting out with a bang. The pastor, Rev. R. G. Bilbo is a student at Clarke College.

Organized with 17 members, they now have 40. They not only have a new building, but are sending the Record to all of their resident families.

Record readers in Neshoba county are now listed as follows: ANTIOCH 37; Bond 12; COLDWATER 54; Deemer 4; DIXON 25; Emmanuel 9; HIGH HILL 43; Hope 3; Laurel Hill 17; LINWOOD 46; McDonald 1; NESHOBA 38; New Black Jack 19; NEW HARMONY 24; PHILADELPHIA, FIRST 347; PHILADELPHIA, BEACON ST. 50; SARDIS 27; SPRING CREEK 76; and New Bethel 15.

## Martin Is Number 1063

Credit another EVERY FAMILY church to the use of the Free Trial Plan.

A few weeks ago Rev. Charles Stubblefield, pastor of Martin Church in Union County, asked that sample copies be sent for a few weeks to acquaint his people with the Baptist Record.

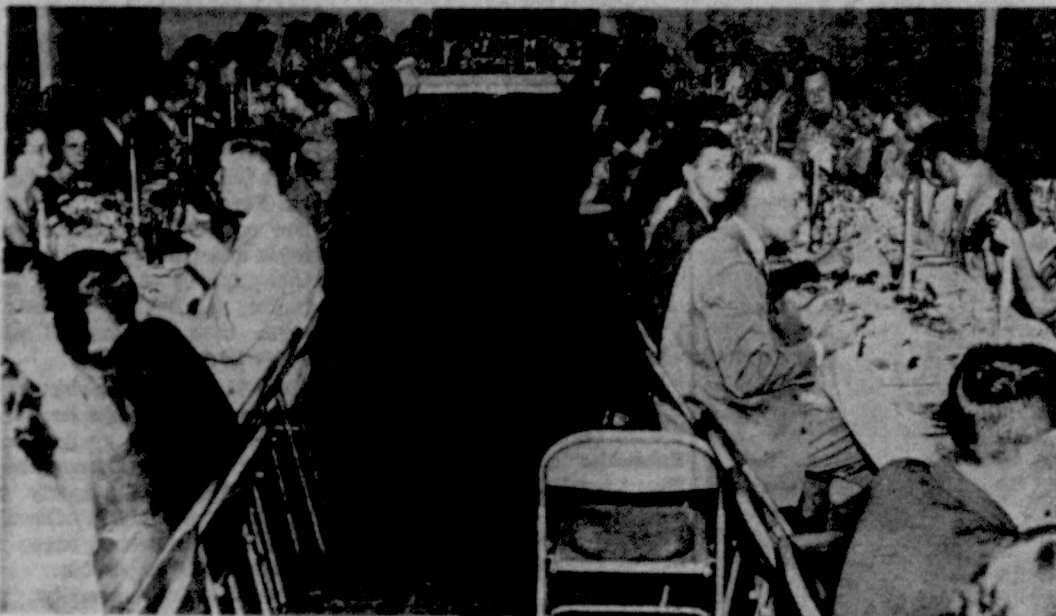
A recent letter from Pastor Stubblefield states that the church has voted to adopt the EVERY FAMILY Plan and to continue the list of 81 to whom the Record had been going on trial.

Record readers in Union County are now listed as follows:

Amaziah, 2; Blue Springs, 1; CENTER, 68; ELLISTON (NEW PROSPECT), 69; Enterprise, 14; GLENFIELD, 71; INGOMAR, 97; Jericho, 2; Liberty, 1; MARTIN, 81; MYRTLE, 40; NEW ALBANY, FIRST, 461; New Albany, Neely Memorial, 18; Pleasant Hill, 13; Pleasant Ridge, 3; TEMPLE, 32; WALLERVILLE, 64; Zion Hill, 1; LOCUST GROVE, 32.

The many friends of Rev. James S. Deal, who was formerly pastor in Mississippi and is now pastor at Start, La., will read with interest that he is now leading the people at Start in the construction of a new building. Since going there in 1945 there have been more than 200 additions to the church.

## First Church West Point Observes Youth Week Climaxed By Banquet



Shown above is part of those attending Youth Banquet which was held as a feature of the Youth Week observance at First Church, April 5-12, West Point, Rev. Clifton Perkins, pastor. The young people conducted the evening worship service April 5 and also the Prayer Meeting service Wednesday night. Youth officers also presided in the Sunday School and Training Union Departments. The following served as general church officers: M. C. Ellis, Jr., pastor; Marvin Jeter, Jr., assistant pastor; Joan Reid, educational director; Robert Fulgham, Sunday School Supt.; Kay Cantrell, Training Union Director; Earl Henley, chairman of Deacons; Linda Wyman, Choir Director; T. S. Holley, assistant-Choir Director; Ann Greene, pianist; Bobby Gates, treasurer; Virginia Gregg, Church Clerk; Marianne Miller, W. M. U. President; and Steve Stanley, Brotherhood president.

MISSIONARY PROTESTS  
ITALIAN RESTRICTIONS

ROME —(RNS)— The Reverend Frank Scorza of Niagara Falls, N. Y., a Baptist missionary in southern Italy since 1947, appealed to the U. S. Embassy against an Interior Ministry order renewing his residence permit but stipulating that he "perform no religious activities."

Mr. Scorza said that the restriction "paralyzes fruitful missionary work."

The American clergyman was sent to this country by the Italian Gospel Association, an independent Chicago (Ill.) Baptist organization, to establish Baptist missions in Calabria Province. He said that the two mission chapels he has founded in Catanzaro, along with other centers in the nearby countryside, have more than 500 members.

These groups have held their services "behind closed doors" since last September, he said, on orders from the local police. Mr. Scorza said this action was based on the fact that his application for government authorization to conduct services as a minister of a "recognized" religion has not yet been granted.

PERSECUTION RESULTS  
IN CONVERSIONS

Rio—(ANA) An armed mob was successful in breaking up a Baptist preaching service last month, in the State of Santa Catarina, Brazil but the disturbance resulted in the conversion of three men. This report was given by Adrian Blank-Catarina. He wrote as follows:

"We have just returned from the State Convention in Urubici, in which there were 30 professions of faith and a number of decisions for special service. However, we had persecution on Sunday when we tried to conduct an open air service in the public square. A group of men, half drunk, and armed with revolvers and big knives, appeared shortly after we arrived at the meeting place. They began yelling threats, waving their arms in the air, and creating confusion in general.

"Soon the reason for this opposition came out. The local priest, hearing that our service was to be held, had talked for a long time on the public address system of the city Saturday afternoon and Sunday morn. He told the people, 'These Baptists are wolves in sheep's clothing! They are of the Devil! They shouldn't be allowed to hold services in our public square.' The priest came down to where we were during the disturbance, and we tried to reason with him. However, he refused to say anything to the mob, and said he couldn't be responsible for our safety if we remained.

"After roughing up a thirteen year old boy who had made a profession of faith that morning, the armed men succeeded in creating such confusion that we couldn't hold the service. As we left, the men tried to let the air out of my car's tires, and attacked a group in a truck as they drove away. Several rocks were thrown, and several were hit with rocks."

Missionary Blankenship concluded his report as follows: "Three of the men who witnessed the disturbance said they were disgusted with the priests actions. They returned to the Baptist church with us. That night all three gave their lives to Christ, and want to become Baptists."

Atlanta, Georgia. — The Home Mission Conference, Glorietta, New Mexico, June 22-28, will be an opportunity to see home mission fields as well as to hear about them. The program will include testimonies from the direct missionaries in the language groups, vesper services in the evening, led by co-operative missionaries; conferences on all phases of the work; including visualized presentation of all phases of home mission work—one each day, with Evangelism given primary emphasis at night.

50, 40 & 25  
Years AgoBy Rev. J. L. Boyd, Sr.  
50 YEARS AGO—

The Galilee Baptist Church, Gloster, raised \$525.00 for Foreign Missions under the leadership of their pastor, Rev. W. A. McComb.

## 40 YEARS AGO

Rev. W. E. Farr of Columbia reports having delivered the commencement sermon of the Gillsburg Collegiate Institute and that the entire graduating class were among the 42 who had joined the Baptist Church there five years previous for baptism in a revival in which he had done the preaching.

## 25 YEARS AGO—

Pastor S. G. Jenkins reports twenty additions to the Forest Church during their meeting in which Rev. E. C. Stevens of Louisville, Ky. was the preacher and D. Curtiss Hall led the singing.

Pastor W. S. Landrum of Monticello tells of "one of the greatest meetings" in the history of the church in which Rev. H. L. Martin of Lexington preached and E. V. Catt led the singing. Forty-five additions, "about 35" for baptism.

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## Sunday School Lesson

Prepared By  
DR. L. BRACEY CAMPBELL  
For May 10

PAUL UNDER GUARD IN ROME

Bible Text: Acts 28.

I. "I Must Visit Rome" Acts 19:21

These are the words of Paul while he was in Ephesus, expressing his purpose that, after he had gone through Macedonia and Achaia and had returned thence to Jerusalem he would go to Rome. He did, indeed, realize this desire, but in a very unexpected way.

Come to think of it, it is not strange that Paul should decide to go to Rome. Every leader in any walk of life in the world in those days, desired to go to Rome. In Rome the sculptor would find the finest examples of his heart to be seen anywhere. In Rome the painter would find the masterpieces of the painter's art. In Rome the orator might listen to the eager eloquence of the foremost orators of the world. In Rome the student of law might meet and study under the greatest jurists living anywhere.

Paul was a man of imperial mode. He knew where the wisest and most powerful men in the world were drawn together for consultation and communion, and he was persuaded that he was in possession of a truth and a learning more important than that of anyone in Rome, an art by which men lived eternally and, by that broad space loftier than any other in the world. He believed with a faith that was absolute knowledge that, what he had to say and to demonstrate was the very power of God unto the salvation of everyone, both Roman and pagan who would believe it. And he was persuaded that this salvation was of so much greater worth to men, all kinds of men than anything else have, that men might well afford to lose everything else they had in order to win and hold this inestimable boon from God. Hence, he felt no hesitation at the prospect of bearing his message from his King to the people at the center of the great Roman empire.

Let someone speak a warning to Paul that he should be careful lest in bringing his small town and country theology to the center of the world's culture he might find himself embarrassed in undertaking to propagate a philosophy of little influence and less worth. But when that suggestion came to him, it came, indeed, it did, he eagerly made response, "I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth, to the Jew first, and then to the Greek. For in it there is the revelation of the righteousness of God from faith to faith."

### II. THE MANNER OF PAUL'S ARRIVAL IN ROME

He traveled along the world famous Appian Way, a traffic artery upon either side of which were the monuments to Roman business. He came a prisoner bound with chains but he did not enter the city alone. Forty miles out from

the city a band of faithful men met him and encouraged his heart with the assurance of fellowship in his suffering and then the glorious hope set before him.

The grandeur of Rome was in exhibition upon his either hand, behind him and before him. Upon his weary feet he stumbled along through stone pavement, his body tired, his shoulders bending under the weight of years, but in his heart the high-born hope in his living Savior. His limbs are fettered, but his faith soars as the eagle that mounts to meet the sun. He is not lead to a gloomy prison but to a little house of his own choosing, the rental thereof being paid, no doubt, by new found friends in Rome.

### III. THE ROMAN ATTITUDE TOWARD PAUL

If the common belief concerning the final end of Paul is true, he was, in all probability, arrested the final time as a violator of Roman law. He was living in a period when Roman emperors were worshipped as divinities. This religion of the state was bound up with politics; the loyal citizens burnt incense as an act of worship of the emperor and, to refuse to burn incense in worship of the emperor, was an act of disloyalty to the emperor and to the government and to refuse to name the emperor as Lord or to set the name of the Lord Jesus above the lofty name of the emperor was ranked treason, a crime punishable by death. If the person who so betrayed his country and directed his loyalty elsewhere than to the emperor, were a Roman citizen, the penalty of his crime was death by the headman's ax. This headman's act took the form of a Roman sword and, tradition tells us that this was the form of the death Paul died.

But at the time of Paul's first entrance into Rome, there lay no charge of disloyalty against him, nor did there lie a charge of violation of any other Roman law. The Romans did not want Paul upon their hands as a prisoner. The Roman officer who had seized him in Jerusalem, did that to save Paul from the fury of a Jewish mob. This Roman officer sent Paul down to Caesarea to save him from the Jewish mob. Three high Roman officials in Caesarea all declared him guiltless and would have released him. It was Paul's appeal to Caesar which lead at last to his going to Rome. Arrived at Rome, the Romans treated him very kindly. Paul lived in the city in his own house, said what he pleased to whom he pleased and sent for any people he desired to see.

### IV. PUPILS, A PRODUCT OF PAUL'S TEACHING

Among those who came to see Paul, who were willing and who heard him speak, number: Luke, Mark, Aristarchus, and Onesimus, the slave whom Paul sent home to his master, and Epaphroditus, from the church of Philippi by whom Paul sent back the epistle to the Philippians. He held the daily talk with Christians from Asia and Greece, from Antioch, Ephesus, Thessalonica and Corinth. He crowned his writing labor with the epistle to the Ephesians, the most profound and sub-

## TWO MISSISSIPPIANS TO FOREIGN FIELDS



Seven appointees for foreign mission services were introduced at the April Missionary Day exercises held at New Orleans Seminary. Reading left to right, above: Rev. and Mrs. William Clawson, Picayune, Miss., to go to Mexico; Dr. and Mrs. John Hayward (M. D. and trained nurse), Lake Linden, Mich., and Seattle Washington, to Korea; Miss Nita Ruth McCullough, Lee, Fla., Nigeria, and Rev. and Mrs. Jerry Smyth, Lubbock, Texas, to Brazil.

## Negro Ministry Improvement Sought By Education Committee

Washington, D. C.—(BP)—Forward steps in the training of Negro ministers are being recommended by the Committee on Negro Ministerial Education to the Southern Baptist Convention, Houston, May 6-10. The report of the committee was received here by George B. Fraser, senior secretary of the Convention.

The six recommendations are (1) that existing schools provide extension service for the 63 percent of Negro ministers who have only grammar school education; (2) encouragement of Negro colleges to confine their efforts to A. B. level; (3) urge American Baptist Theological Seminary to earliest possible accreditation; (4) creation from individual and private sources of 100 scholarships for Negroes. (5) encouragement of a Baptist Student Union movement on Negro campuses; (6) continuation of the committee.

lime letter ever penned with human hands.

In addition, Paul met the leading Jews in Rome. These men he invited to visit him at his house and they came in a body to see him. Paul talked to them, and we do not have to guess the subject of his discussion. Luke tells us this and it is in line with Paul's whole life and ministry. Behind the wonders of the providence of God, his enemies flung Paul into prison and Paul preaches Christ to the soldier who is chained to him and that soldier tells other soldiers. Paul talks to the Jews and some of them believe him.

Paul writes matchless epistles which he might have been too busy to write if he had not been a prisoner; so the Lord allows Paul to be imprisoned and ordains that, out of that imprisonment shall come an inestimable blessing to the world—new converts won to Christianity, mature faiths.

## Hear The Baptist Hour

Rev. Charles Wellborn will be the preacher on the Baptist Hour broadcast on Sunday, May 10. His message will be heard in 28 states and 7 foreign countries.

WJMB, Brookhaven, 1:30 p. m.; WDCB, Canton, 5 p. m.; WGLC, Centerville, 1:30 p. m.; WCLD, Cleveland, 6 p. m.; WACR, Columbus, 2:30 p. m.; WJPR, Greenville, 6 p. m.; WFOR, Hattiesburg, 10:15 p. m.; WLSM, Louisville, 8:30 a. m.; WMB, Macon, 2:30 p. m.; WAPF, McComb, 9 a. m.; WCOC, Meridian, 4 p. m.; WNAT, Natchez, 7:15 a. m.; WRJW, Picayune, 1 p. m.; and WVIM, Vicksburg, 5:30 p. m.

## CALENDAR OF PRAYER

May 11—Rachel Andrews, Baptist Headquarters; Jane Ray Bean, BSU Secretary, Blue Mountain College.

May 12—Mrs. Edward E. Turley, Tate Associational WMU Superintendent; District No. 19 Music Festival at New Albany.

May 13—District No. 17 Music Festival at Clarksdale; Rev. George Moseley, Union Associational Training Union Director.

May 14—District No. 20, Music Festival at Booneville; David Thames, Covington Associational Sunday School superintendent.

May 15—District No. 14 Music Festival at West Point; Rev. W. G. Watson, Chickasaw Associational Organizer of Evangelism.

May 16—Mrs. Evelyn Gilmore, staff, Baptist Orphanage; Dr. J. T. DeLaughter, Jackson Associational Chairman of Evangelism.

May 17—T. H. Adams, Deer Creek Associational Brother president; Rev. H. T. McLaurin, Newton Associational Missionary.

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## My First Sermon

BY E. D. SOLOMON

My heart was saddened as I read in a paper that a storm had wrecked the church house my sainted father had led in building when I was a lad of ten years. He cut the timbers from his land, and sawed the logs in his saw mill. He and his neighbors hauled the lumber to the church site and built the house. There I was baptized into the fellowship of the church. There I prayed my first public prayer and there I made such an effort to preach my first sermon.

The memory of these things comes rushing back to my mind. I was quite young when I preached that sermon, even before I could talk plain. When I decided to preach, everybody laughed because of my youth and because of my impediment in speech. My church did not stop laughing long enough to give me a license to preach. When I got to Mississippi College I was asked for my license. I had never heard of any other kind than a marriage license and I knew I did not need that kind although I was desperately in love.

The first summer I got back home (my home was eight miles west of Senatobia, Miss.) the negroes on my father's farm gathered in the morning to get the mules for the day's work. I shall never forget nor cease to be grateful for their greetings. They said: "Mr. Eddy, dey tell us you is gwine to preach." I said, "yes, sure." They said, "Bless de Lord for dat."

That was the first time I had heard any one blessing the Lord because I was going to preach. I felt my great importance. It inflated my ego, (whatever that is)—they asked me to preach for them. Very solemnly they consulted together and announced that the auspicious day would be the second Sunday in July.

One of the deacons, J. H. Pace, of our church heard of this and took me to task because I was not going to preach my first sermon in my own church. I said, "the negroes invited me and no one else did."

After much weighing the matter I agreed to preach the first Sunday in July in my own church. I asked him not to tell many people about it. Just a nice quiet little crowd.

I prepared a most powerful sermon on "What Think Ye of Christ?" I knocked the bark and leaves off the trees in my father's wood lot with my oratory, practicing on that sermon. That was the last time I committed oratory. I saw people swaying under my eloquence. I have never seen it since.

Sunday morning rolled around. My father hitched up the old gray mare to the buggy. I have never known why my Mother did not go. The closer I got to the church, the farther away from that sermon I got. When we came into sight of the church I saw a great crowd. The hill was covered with mules, horses, wagons and buggies. Every man and his dog; every girl and her sweetheart; and every woman and her baby was there. They had come from everywhere to hear "the boy preacher."

The sight of this crowd took the breath out of me and filled my

soul with awe and fear. I began to feel like the young preacher who got up and said, "Brethren, before I got here no one but me and God knew what I was going to say, now no one knows but God."

I marched in as a victim to the gallows to be executed, or rather to perform. We had a hymn. I need no further introduction. In reading the scriptures my voice had a queer sound. I never heard it sound that way before, or since. My throat was dry. My face hot and my knees were weak. I got to my text: "What think ye of Christ?" I had seven or eight pages of notes. All I could think of was, "What think ye of Christ?" I would say, "My brethren, what think ye of Christ?"

I was like the woman said her son was. She said he was wonderfully smart but his mouth would not go off. I could not get started. I thought of the praise and grace of my old pastor. Standing on the side of the pulpit he would place one foot behind the other and lean on the pulpit with one hand and make profuse gestures with the other. I got my foot place all right but missed the pulpit with my hand and fell sprawling on the floor. The people roared with laughter. The laughing made me mad. I bawled out, "If you don't believe it is hard to preach, you just get up here and try it."

That got my mouth started and I went on and on and on. I did not know how to stop. I got my notes terribly mixed up. I would say to myself, "Oh Lord help me quit this here thing." I know my audiences have prayed that prayer for me many times since. There was much confusion in the congregation. Young people going in and out as was their custom. The babies were crying and the dogs tried to out-bark me. Finally I said, "Brethren, I am not through but I expect I had better quit."

They took no chances and rose immediately and began to file out. No one came up to speak to me. Everyone went out with the air of "just as I expected." I stood there confused, bewildered, and wished I was dead. I said to myself, "they had said I was a fool for trying to preach and now I have found it out for myself. I will never make a fool of myself again." As I stood there I saw my front steps. He wanted to get away as soon as possible for it was a terrible ordeal for him. I got into the buggy without looking to right or left, dejected, discouraged and whipped.

As we drove off I heard a familiar voice crying out, "Oh, Mr. Solomon wait a minute." Dear old Sister Ash, a noble soul (I have heard her shout many times in church during revival meetings and you could hear her shout a mile from her home) came running up to the buggy and grabbed my arm and said, "Eddy, God bless you; you did do so much better than I thought you could do." She looked at my father and continued, "Brother Solomon, you ought to be proud of this boy, he is going to call many sinners from sin to repentance." Then she let out one of her gracious "hallelujah" shouts.

As the crowd gathered around I felt like jumping up and saying, "Come back tonight and I will try

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## West Corinth Has Note Burning Service



Three leaders of West Corinth Church are shown in impressive note burning ceremony held in the church April 19. Left to right are: S. O. Gibbs, chairman of Trustees who delivered the note to J. A. Spears, chairman of the Building Committee, and J. D. Forsyth, chairman of the Deacons. Brethren Spears and Forsyth are shown burning the note. After the note burning there was a very impressive dedication service. The indebtedness was paid off in one-half the scheduled time; and gifts to mission causes were increased by 100 per cent. Rev. Earl Warford is pastor.

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## Library Of Congress Aids Biblical Research

Washington, D. C.—(RNS)—An important step in aiding Biblical scholars has been announced by the Library of Congress here.

The library has completed the microfilming of the Hebraic Union catalog. A total of 60,722 cards were photographed on twenty-six 100-foot reels of film. This catalog, compiled over the years by the library, gives the location of books and ancient manuscripts in the Hebrew language in over 700 libraries and research collections.

The microfilming was undertaken primarily as a matter of preservation, the library said, because "destruction of the catalog would be an irreparable loss to the nation."

Libraries can obtain positive prints of any portion of these microfilms at a charge of \$4.00 per 100-foot reel.

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Madrid —(RNS)—A Baptist chapel in Lerida, Catalonia, has been closed by order of the civil governor, and its doors sealed by police, Protestant sources here reported. They said that an application for permission to hold services in the chapel, filed by its pastor, Miguel Gomez, in 1950, was still pending.

again." My spirit was renewed. My determination to preach returned. As we drove home my father said nothing, the horse said nothing and I had had my say. I clinched my finger nails into the palms of my hands and said in my heart, I shall not disappoint the dear old woman, I will preach or die.

Thank God for the encouragement to the broken hearted, discouraged young preacher. I have thanked her all these years and I will thank her in that day of rewards.

"A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pitchers of silver."

## MY RICH GRANDMOTHER

By LEE GALLMAN, Director  
Seminary Extension Dept

My grandmother was rich! She had a trunk full of money. . . . thousand dollar bills.

There was just one thing wrong with Grandmother's money. Behind it was a defunct, non-existent government—the Southern Confederacy. I would like to have one of my grandmother's bills as a souvenir, but the one dollar bill on the counter today has more value. For behind it is an active, progressive and solid government—the United States.

Grandmother's bills said in plain English—One Thousand Dollars, yet they are only collector's items. For a dollar is worth to you what it is worth in the market. It has trade evaluation.

A degree is like that. What is the value of a B. S. D. that entitles one to be called "Doctor"? It is worth just what it would bring at a standard college or university and no more.

Many people are "credit conscious" and "degree conscious" today. This has tempted many unethical men of some learning to develop "diploma mills". It has created many correspondence and extension programs. Hunger for knowledge lies at the base of the desire for credit, degrees, and diplomas. One can understand how an unknowing individual could be entrapped into taking a short-cut to recognition and a false sense of attainment; he does not realize the difference between achievement and recognition and credit.

There is, however, a very safe guide for those who would advance their education and obtain sound credit. Let them ask, "What's behind it?" What is behind the organization of subjects, construction of courses, and designation of credit? It is that simple. No credit is worth more than the institution that gives it. When a university, a college, or a seminary gives credit, the value of that credit is found in the institution itself.

One might ask, therefore, who is Tom Jones who claims that he can give me a degree by mail? How does this institution stand with the association of like institutions? Get the answers from qualified experts, don't trust your own judgment, it can mislead you. An eminent authority has noted that institutional background is the difference between legitimate claims of credit and illegitimate claims.

Another good rule to follow is—the more credit they offer you by mail, the less evaluation you can place upon it. The National

## Glorietta's First Foreign Missions Conference Set

"Freedom for a World in Bondage" will be the theme of the Foreign Missions Conference at Glorieta Baptist Assembly, Glorieta, N. M., June 15-21, according to an announcement by Dr. Frank K. Means, secretary for missionary education and promotion for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

The keynote address will be delivered by Dr. H. Guy Moore, pastor, Broadway Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas. Two interpretive addresses, based upon the 1953 mission study theme, "The Eyes of the World Are Upon You," will be delivered by Dr. H. Cornell Goerner, professor of missions at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Missionary Frank Lide, of the Philippines, will have charge of the daily Bible hour. Among a number of missionary speakers will be Miss Frances Hudgins, Thailand; W. J. Webb, Guatemala-Honduras; W. Howard Bryant, Chile; Mary Frances Gould, Thailand; and Erhardt S. Swenson, Argentina.

Others on the program will include Dr. George W. Sadler, the Board's secretary for Africa, Europe and the Near East; Dr. Baker James Cauthen, secretary for the Orient; and Dr. J. D. Grey, president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Write E. A. Herron, manager, Glorieta Baptist Assembly, Glorieta, N. M., for reservations.

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## E. German Police Arrest Fifth Protestant Pastor

BERLIN (RNS) Evangelical Pastor Reinhold George, well-known preacher at East Berlin's Mary Church, was arrested by East German police following an evening service there.

His arrest brought to five the number of Evangelical clergymen reported seized within little more than a week. The arrests have stirred fears that a church-state crisis is imminent in the Soviet zone.

University Extension Association notes that eight universities offer up to 50 per cent credit toward a bachelors degree, as a maximum; thirty offer up to 25 per cent credit; three offer around 30 per cent credit, and ten offer less than 25 per cent credit for work done by extension and correspondence, while no university offers credit toward a graduate degree for this type of work.

But this Association is high in its praise of correspondence and extension work where it has institutional backing. The Seminary Extension Department takes pride in the institutions it represents. Its scholars have been given recognition as authors and authorities in America and Europe. They are the backbone of ministerial education in the Southern Baptist Convention. Their courses are well planned to lead the student not only toward recognition, but to attainment.

OLD SERIES

## State Meet F

Dr. J. Campbell, School of Sacred Music, Western Seminary, will be the music conductor. Music leaders at the First Conference, Friday, May 7.

Those to attend the conference will include choir directors, song leaders, piano leader, and ac. Morgan, State will direct the

The meeting will be held at 10 a. m. and close session.

The complete program as follows:

10 a. m. H. prayer.

Shown above is its opening session is completely corridors and